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Re.: Recommending changes to Annex 12 Guidelines for Common Practice

Dear Mr. Phillips,

Thank you for your letter received on 9 October 2011, which has been made available to the Chair of the Board and subsequently placed on the agenda of the sixty-fifth meeting of the Board.

On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I would like to thank you for expressing your concerns and providing your feedback on the application of common practice in the context of clean development mechanism projects and programmes.

I would also like to clarify that the guidelines are intended to be applicable to: (a) all the sectors/measures or combinations thereof, including those specifically mentioned in the document; (b) the project activities employing one or more or combination of these measures; and (c) the grid connected renewable electricity generation technologies (e.g. ACM0002) that fall under paragraph 2(b) of the guideline ‘Switch of technology with or without change of energy source (including energy efficiency improvement as well as use of renewable energies)’. Secondly, I would like to clarify that the registered projects and projects under validation are excluded from the analysis of common practice.

I would like to inform you that the Board at its sixty-fifth meeting (paragraphs 87, 124 and 125 of the EB65 Meeting Report) considered your letter and others which also highlighted inconsistencies between the “Guidelines on common practice” (version 01.0) and the tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality and the combined tool and acknowledged the need for revision of these tools in order to provide clarity and consistency.

The Board revised the Methodological tool “Demonstration and assessment of additionality” (EB 65, Annex 21)¹, in order to incorporate all provisions included in the “Guidelines on common practice” (version 01.0) and the “Guidelines on additionality of first-of-its-kind project activities” (version 01.0) in the revised tool. The Board further requested the secretariat to revise the combined tool to identify the baseline scenario and demonstrate additionality to incorporate the provisions of the guidelines, for consideration by the Board at a future meeting. The concerns raised by your letter will be appropriately considered while revising this document. Once the combined tool is revised by the Board, the “Guidelines on additionality of first-of-its-kind project activities” (version 01.0) and the “Guidelines on common practice” (version 01.0) are to be withdrawn.

¹ <https://cdm.unfccc.int/UserManagement/FileStorage/9AGSVUJ4HP731N0DRL8CYF5EXTBZKQ>



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I would like to encourage you to continue providing such valuable inputs.

Yours sincerely,

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Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board