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Re.: Project 7822: Bonyic Hydroelectric project's request for registration should be rejected

Dear Ms. Arosemena B.,

On behalf of the Chair of the CDM Executive Board (the Board), I would like to thank you for your letter of 27 September 2013 communicating your concerns regarding the CDM Project Activity 7822 "Bonyic Hydroelectric Project". Your letter has been made available to the Board.

I would like to inform you that the request for registration of the referred CDM project activity is currently under the review process in accordance with paragraphs 37 and 40 of the CDM modalities and procedures. This request for review was requested by at least three Board members based on concerns that the Designated Operational Entity (DOE) did not comply with the validation requirements for continuing and real actions taken to secure the CDM status, the barrier analysis and the investment barrier. I would like to note that your letter has been made available to the relevant unit for the review process and on 4 November 2013, the project was rejected. The list of rejected projects can be found in the UNFCCC webpage 1 along with the final decision by the Board.

Please note that with regards to your concern on the violation of international law requirements, the host country Designated National Authority (DNA) has the prerogative to determine whether the project contributes to sustainable development and authorize the project. Therefore, any comments related to a Party's decision to authorize a project must be undertaken at the national level. The DNA can request a review of requests for registration or issuance of any project located in its country within 28 days of their publication on the UNFCCC website. Consequently, we would like to encourage you to share your concerns with your host country DNA.

Finally, I would like to inform you that, in the context of the review of the CDM modalities and procedures, the Board recommended strengthening relevant DOE validation requirements related to stakeholder consultation. Recommendations on changes to the CDM modalities and procedures are expected to be further discussed and considered by Parties in the frame of meetings supporting the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in November this year in Warsaw, Poland.



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Thank you once again for contacting the Board with your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Howard'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and 'H'.

Andrew Howard
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board