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Ruling note

Request for registration for "Chorokhi Hydro Power Plant Project"

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1.   The CDM Executive Board decided to reject the above proposed project activity on 2 May 2014, during its seventy-eighth meeting, in accordance with the *Clean development mechanism project cycle procedure* (PCP), version 05.0, paragraphs 85, 86 and 88. According to paragraph 89 of the PCP, the ruling shall contain an explanation of the reasons and rationale for the final decision is presented below:

(a)   The DOE (RINA) has failed to validate the suitability of the identified baseline scenario in accordance with the *Clean development mechanism validation and verification standard* (VVS), version 04.0, paragraph 88 and applied methodology ACM0002 version 13.0.0, page 4.

(b)   The relevant requirements are presented:

(i)   VVS, version 04.0, paragraph 88 states that "The DOE shall determine whether the baseline identified for the proposed project activity is the scenario that reasonably represents the anthropogenic emissions by sources of GHGs that would occur in the absence of the proposed project activity".

(ii)   ACM0002 version 13.0.0, page 4 states that "Electricity delivered to the grid by the project activity would have otherwise been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources, as reflected in the combined margin (CM) calculations described in the *Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system*.

(c)   The reasons and rationale for the final decisions are:

(i)   The DOE has not justified the suitability of the identified baseline scenario as the project boundary has been limited to Georgia, even though the project design document (PDD) and the validation report submitted for request for registration stipulate that the project activity can deliver 60 per cent of the electricity generation to Turkey, which is neither captured in the estimation of emissions reduction (i.e. the current project claims 100 per cent of its generation times the Georgian grid emission factor) nor in the monitoring plan.

2.   Please note that, with appropriate revisions, this project activity may be resubmitted for validation and registration provided it meets the requirements for validation and registration, in accordance with paragraph 42 of the CDM Modalities and Procedures (Decision 3/CMP.1).

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