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Subject: Invitation for Scoping Mission

As per the procedural requirements of the SREP programming modalities and operational guidelines, we are hereby inviting the MDB scoping mission to come to Ethiopia. It is preferred to hold the activities of the mission within the first week of February 2011.

In this regard, we would like to bring your attention to the fact that we have already held a pre-scoping activity in the form of a national SREP preparedness exercise wherein we identified Ethiopia's priority for SREP funding. We will forward you with the proceedings as soon as it is ready and before the date of the mission.

By this invitation letter, we also are requesting for the release of the advance preparation grant to the tune of 375,000 USD in the meantime.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

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