Dear PPCR Sub-Committee Member,

We are writing with regard to our email of August 12, 2009, in which we circulated to you for review and approval the proposals prepared by the MDBs as to the selection of target countries to participate in the regional programs in the Caribbean and the Pacific.

As of August 26, 2009, the time period provided for submission of comments and any objection to the approval of the proposal, the CIF Administrative Unit received confirmation of support and comments from the Trust Fund Sub-Committee Members from Japan and Samoa. The comments that we received will be posted on the CIF Website, www.worldbank.org/cif, for your information.

No objections were received.

We are, therefore, pleased to inform you that the following decision is approved:

"The Sub-Committee, having reviewed the Proposal prepared by the Inter-American Development Bank and World Bank Group for the Caribbean, dated July 31, and the Proposal prepared by the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank Group for the PPCR Regional Program for the Pacific Island Countries, dated July 31, and recognizing that the proposals build upon the work of the Expert Group and the agreed guidance for regional programs, approves the proposed approach and countries to be targeted in the regional programs. More specifically, it is agreed that:

(a) for the Caribbean Region, the program will proceed along two tracks which will include: (i) country-based investments in Haiti, Jamaica and four small island states from the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, (Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Grenada); and (ii) region-wide activities focused on climate monitoring, institutional strengthening, capacity building and knowledge sharing; and

(b) for the Pacific Region, the program will be developed along two tracks which will include: (i) country specific components in Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and Tonga, and (ii) region-wide activities focused on climate monitoring, institutional strengthening, capacity building and knowledge sharing.

The Sub-Committee requests the CIF Administrative Unit to invite each identified country to participate in the PPCR regional pilot and to confirm its interest in participating through the submission of an Acceptance of Offer to Participate. The CIF Administrative Unit and MDB Committee are requested to review and revise, if necessary, the agreed format for the Acceptance of Offer to Participate to ensure that it is appropriate for use in a regional program."
Sincerely,

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