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Comments from United Kingdom on FIP Investment Plan
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Mexico

- The UK supports the approval of the Mexican Investment Plan for the Forest Investment Programme, and commends its progressive and innovative nature as an example for other pilot countries to follow.
- The UK also approves the project submitted by Mexico under its IP, "Mexico Forests and Climate Change Project".
- Firstly, on the investment plan, an emphasis on supporting communities, through the federal community forestry and payment for environmental service programs, is a progressive and innovative proposal. This should be seen as an example for other pilot countries to follow.
- The investment plan strives towards the objective of transformational change and will also break new ground in a number of other important areas, including: addressing cross-sectoral issues, particularly through improved collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture; strengthening local governance greater participation of municipal governments; learning and experimentation.
- FIP funds are being programmed as part of a larger package of investment, highlighting the potential for FIP funding to be catalytic and transformational.
- The independent review recognises that a good technical analysis underpins the investment plan, with capable institutions to support its implementation.
- The UK also supports approval of the Mexico Forests and Climate Change Project, which will consolidate and improve an important national incentive programme for community forestry and environmental services, and help to develop replicable, scalable approaches which will serve as a model for other countries in the programme.