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**Comments from Switzerland—Proposed Criteria and Process for Selecting New Pilot Countries under the SREP**

Dear Patricia,

Thank you for circulating the proposed criteria and list of eligible countries for the selection of additional SREP pilot countries.

We have the feeling that the proposed selection criteria are very far away from the original criteria used to select pilot countries.

In particular, we see a problem in the lack of consideration of the size (in terms of population) of the pilot countries, which were reflected in earlier selections.

Also the poverty level seems to be insufficiently addressed with just 10%.

Energy access (or more specifically the lack of energy access) could also be given a higher weight, in line with the decision of the Subcommittee to favor countries with low energy access such as still numerous in Africa.

We welcome the more detailed criteria reflecting readiness, willingness and capacity to implement renewable energy strategies, however we feel that with a total of 70%, these criteria are overweighted.

We would favor a total of 50% for criteria a,b,c,d,e

Regarding the list of eligible countries, we would like to note that certain of the countries have already applied for SREP and received a certain support (e.g. some Pacific Islands) and that we do not see why a second application should lead to different considerations than an earlier decision by the Subcommittee (i.e. to concentrate the Pacific Islands program on the two most important countries).

We would welcome an exchange or discussion about these criteria with other subcommittee members and wonder whether a teleconference could be organized. In any case we would like to see other Subcommittee member's comments prior to consider the criteria approved as proposed.

Thank you and best regards

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