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Comments from The Netherlands on Approval by mail: Duties of Gender Specialist in the CIF Administrative Unit responsible for collaborating with the MDBs on Gender Issues

Dear Patricia,

Thank you for sharing the ToR for the gender specialist and the additions on gender objectives and outputs to the CIF FY14 workplan.

We are happy to approve the ToR for the gender specialist with two remarks:

1) We believe that the ToR should state that the objective is *to demonstrate* that gender can be taken up by task teams and project developers in a practical way, and thereby deliver better results for the CIFs. We refer to the vision that gender is seen by the CIFs as driver for transformational change and our earlier request to progress from a focus on inputs and process, to a focus on delivering and sharing results, also to inform the design of future climate finance architecture.

2) We believe that this objective requires senior expert capacity and responsibility, i.e. grade G (instead of grade F). To my recollection, the joint meeting did not request to opt for a lower grade expert. Rather the joint meeting requested clarification on the build-up of the budget cost, including distinction between salary and overhead charges. We still welcome such clarification.

Looking forward,

Best regards,

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