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**Subject: Timeline for processing of REDD+ results-based payments funding proposal**

Dear Secretary Estavão Filho,

I have the honour to present my compliments to the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and confirm a productive meeting held during the margins of the 24<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP24) in Katowice, Poland with Mr. Thiago Mendes, Secretary of Climate Change and Forests, Ministry of Environment regarding projects with the Green Climate Fund (GCF). During this meeting the submission of Brazil's proposal in response to the REDD+ results-based payments pilot programme was addressed, among other matters.

We commend the Government of Brazil's efforts and long-term national plan to reduce deforestation significantly in the Amazon biome, as well as the country's leadership in the negotiations of REDD+ under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Additionally, we recognize and remain grateful for the strong support from the Brazilian REDD+ experts to the GCF Secretariat through the process of preparing the pilot programme mentioned above, which was approved by the GCF Board in 2018.

We affirm the GCF's ongoing commitment to continue to be in alignment with decisions at COP, which includes COP's specific request that the GCF implements REDD+ results-based payments, observing COP decisions on REDD+. In addition, we highly appreciate your engagement with the GCF during the kind visit of your delegation to our offices on 4 October 2018 and at the Global NDA Conference held 8 to 12 October 2018.

As an update, the GCF Secretariat has been following the processes established for reviewing funding proposals as well as the specific requirements for REDD+ results-based payments proposals. We confirm Brazil's REDD+ results-based payment proposal has been discussed at the Secretariat's Senior Management Team level. It was well received and considered to be robust enough to be considered by the GCF Board.

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To this end, the Secretariat has finalized the proposal's assessment. The next step is its revision by the GCF independent Technical Advisory Panel (iTAP), which should start by 17 December 2018, followed by an onsite mission of iTAP to the GCF headquarters in the week of the 7 January 2018. During that week, the iTAP will communicate with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as the accredited entity presenting this proposal to the GCF, to clarify any questions they may have.

Please note that it is our main interest to recognize the efforts of the Brazilian Government and civil society in reducing emissions from deforestation and to comply, from the GCF side, with the mandates received by the COP to the UNFCCC on REDD+.

The GCF would like to reiterate its commitment to continue working with the Government of Brazil to address its climate change ambitions and priorities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Javier Manzanares', written over a faint rectangular box.

Javier Manzanares

cc: Mr. Thiago Mendes, Secretary of Climate Change and Forests, Ministry of Environment