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Dear Madam, Sir,

With apologies for the short delay after your deadline, kindly accept an additional point to complete the ones made below:

Considering that many countries have actually moved forward through domestic markets more than international ones, does ART envisage supporting forest countries with the establishment of such markets?

Best regards,

FONAREDD Executive Secretariat

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Dear Madam, Sir,

On behalf of the Government of DRC, please find below our observations on the open consultations.

- If an eligible HFLD participant (a national or sub-national jurisdiction) were to reach its maximum level of conservation (which would be in line with the ultimate objectives of ART), i.e. with emissions during the crediting period (and potentially also during the historical reference period) approaching or equalling zero, would the approach to calculating the crediting level still be considered applicable? How would ART compensate jurisdictions that have attained a maximum level of conservation? Should ART-TREES wish to promote conservation and preservation of forests as opposed to reducing or curbing deforestation, what are the provisions to avoid perverse mechanisms rewarding high deforestation levels?
- For many countries, such as the DRC, determining the Standing Forest Carbon Stock remains a challenge, due to difficulties related to collecting and inventoring adequate satellite and/or ground data. While providing technical assistance to countries to address such challenges

does not appear to be part of ART's mandate, it is worthwhile noting that this could limit ART's potential to reward the conservation efforts, i.e. compensate the emissions reductions, of otherwise eligible jurisdictions. A case in point is the recent completion of DRC's national forest inventory, which remains incomplete after 3 years in the making. Short of financing such endeavours, the ART secretariat should make it a point to flag this major enabling need to strengthen the science and robustness behind generated ERs.

We are available for any clarification or exchange you may deem necessary,

Best regards,

FONAREDD Executive Secretariat

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Greetings,

We are more than happy to help. Please find attached a worksheet that provides example calculations of the HFLD approach. I hope this is helpful. Please do not hesitate to follow up with additional questions.

Kind regards,  
The ART Secretariat

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Dear Madam, Sir,

On behalf of the DR Congo's National REDD+ Fund, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the optional approach for determining HFLD Crediting Levels proposed for TREES 2.0.

We are reaching out to you to ask if you might be able to share an example of how Equation 2 would be applied to a real or fictional country, in order to give us a better grasp of what the different values of the HFLDCL equation might look like ( $CL + [HFLD\ Score * Carbon\ Stock]$ ). Likewise, we would be interested in seeing an example of how the values in the deductions matrix could be applied to the total credits generated, based on a comparison of the total reported annual emissions and the Crediting Level. This would be helpful for us and our partners in preparing our comments on the proposed approach by the 23 June deadline.

Many thanks in advance for any help you can provide in this regard. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any clarifications.

Kind regards,

The Executive Secretariat of the National REDD+ Fund of the DRC

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