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TO: Architecture for REDD+ Transactions (ART), Secretariat at Winrock International

C.C: UNFCCC Secretariat

FROM: UNFCCC Designated National Authority, Co-operative Republic of Guyana

RE: Host Country Letter of Assurance and Authorisation related to REDD+ and Guyana's Jurisdictional ART TREES Programme – Guyana ART Programme ID: 102

1. The Co-operative Republic of Guyana is a party to the Paris Agreement and has acceded to the Paris Agreement as of 20 May 2016 and is committed to its obligations under the Paris Agreement. Guyana wishes to promote sustainable development and ensure environmental integrity and transparency under the Paris Agreement.
2. The *National Focal Point, UNFCCC (Guyana), Ms. Pradeepa Goberdhan*, is the designated national authority (**DNA**) of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.
3. With regard to the Program Activity, as described in the documentation attached to this letter, we hereby acknowledge that the program may generate Emission Reductions or Removals in the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and that the Architecture for REDD+ Transactions (**ART**) has issued, or may in the future issue, offset credits (**TREES Credits**) for these Emission Reductions or Removals during the period of year 2021.
4. The Program Activity occurs in the Co-operative Republic of Guyana with the object that the Program Activity generates certain Emission Reductions or Removals that will otherwise fall within the national inventory of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Approval of Program Activity

5. The DNA hereby approves the Program Activity for the purposes of issuance of ART Credits for the period of year 2021.

Usage Authorization

6. We hereby authorize that the REDD+ program's Emission Reductions or Removals, issued as ART Credits, may be used for one of more of the following purposes specified below:

(i) NDC Purposes, (ii) International Mitigation Purposes, or (iii) Other Purposes.

In respect of the above the following definitions apply:

NDC Purposes means that the ART Credits are authorised by the Host Country for use towards achievement of NDCs by a Paris Agreement Party.

International Mitigation Purposes means that the ART Credits are authorised by the Host Country for use for international mitigation purposes (including by aeroplane operators to meet offsetting requirements under CORSIA) other than the achievement of a NDC as referred to in paragraph 1(f) the Annex to Decision 2/CMA.3.

Other Purposes means that the ART Credits are authorised by the Host Country for use for other purposes (including for use in the voluntary carbon markets) and in a manner that is consistent with paragraph 1(f) the Annex to Decision 2/CMA.3.

Paris Agreement Party means a country that is a signatory to the Paris Agreement and who has deposited their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his capacity as the depository of the Paris Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, a country that has withdrawn from the Paris Agreement shall no longer be a considered a Paris Agreement Party after its withdrawal takes effect pursuant to Article 28(2) of the Paris Agreement.

7. The authorisation referred to in paragraph 7 above is subject to the following restrictions:
 - (a) We authorize only the use of the program's Emission Reductions or Removals, for which ART has issued or will issue ART Credits, that occur in the period from 1st January, 2021 to 31st December, 2021 and
 - (b) We authorize only the use of a maximum of 7,144,362 tCO₂e of the program's Emission Reductions or Removals, issued as offset credits by ART, for 2021.
8. We hereby request ART to submit annual reports to us, no later than by 31 March of each year, on the use of the ART Credits' associated Emission Reductions or Removals by other countries or entities, including volumes cancelled for use by each country and entity.
9. We hereby declare that the Co-operative Republic of Guyana will not use the program's Emission Reductions or Removals to track progress towards, or for demonstrating achievement of, its NDC and that the Co-operative Republic of Guyana will account for the use of the program's Emission Reductions or Removals by those relying on the Usage Authorization at paragraph 7 above through adjustments in the structured summary of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana's biennial transparency reports, as referred to in paragraph 77, sub-paragraph (d), of the Annex to decision 18/CMA.1, and consistent with relevant future decisions by the CMA.
10. We hereby also declare that the Co-operative Republic of Guyana will report on the authorization and use of the program's Emission Reductions or Removals by other countries or entities in a transparent manner in the country's Biennial Transparency Report submitted under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.
11. This Letter of Approval and Authorization granted by the DNA shall be published in English.

Authorized Signatory

Pradeepa Goberdhan

Signature



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