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Subject: Comments by Germany on the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund 2, revised

Dear Ms. Barbut,

Germany agrees to the revised project proposal. Changes outlined below should be made during further planning steps and during project implementation.

Germany supports the proposed Project Development Objective that is designed to contribute to biodiversity conservation at the global level, mainly by investing in the protection and management of biodiversity hotspot areas and strengthening the role of civil society and private sector in these efforts. The project document stresses in various places the importance of strengthened collaboration with all donors. The document is, however, sometimes ambiguous, if this refers to all donors (this would be in the spirit of the Paris Declaration) or only to those forming part in the CEPF partnership. We believe that a huge programme as this one will need the cooperation of all donors involved in biodiversity conservation within the respective critical ecosystem.

Germany is supporting protected area management and sustainable use in 12 of the 22 biodiversity hotspots. (Atlantic Forest, Caribbean Islands, Caucasus, Guinean Forests West Africa, Indo-Burma, Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands, Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany, Mesoamerica, Philippines, Succulent Karoo, Tropical Andes). There should be made use of synergies during project implementation.

Best regards

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