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Subject: Comments by Germany on the Project: Southern Agricultural Area
Development Project (GEF SEC Project IDs: 31196 and 3234)

Dear Mr. Everitt,

Thanks a lot for your response with regard to our questions concerning the above mentioned projects. While we are satisfied with the response to comment no 3, we would like to have some further explication concerning comments 1 and 2.

Ad response to comment no 1:

The 50:50 ratio for the share of running costs for the NSEC between the government and ADB: Our point is, whether this support as well as financial support for activities are assured beyond mid 2008 and if not whether there is an alternative institutional concept in case CACILM structures would cease their existence by then.

Ad response to comment no 2:

The decisive points of our question were:

- NSEC might service multi-country project monitoring and has clearly a role to monitor the overall achievement of the implementation of the National Programming Framework. But should NSEC really assure monitoring of national projects?
- What's about NSECs capacity for M+E? M+E capacities seem to be quite limited.

Regards

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