

## **Submission of Views**

**by the Democratic Republic of Congo on behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations<sup>1</sup>**

**on**

**Article 6, paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement  
Views on guidance on cooperative approaches**

**8 March 2017**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its forty-fifth session invited Parties to submit their views on, inter alia, the elements to be addressed, including their operationalization, in the guidance referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement, overarching issues, and relationships between Article 6, paragraph 2, and other provisions of the Paris Agreement, the Convention and its related legal instruments, as relevant.
2. For this purpose, the Coalition for Rainforest Nations (CfRN or Coalition) considered issues related to Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement and prepared this submission of views.
3. The Paris Agreement recognizes in its Article 5 the existing REDD+ Framework will be implemented as set out in guidance and decisions already agreed under the Convention related to REDD+.
4. The existing REDD+ Framework extensively addresses environmental and social integrity regarding the implementation of REDD+ activities. The Paris Agreement expressly limits additional guidance.
5. Once REDD+ results successfully complete the agreed process under the REDD+ Framework and are posted on the UNFCCC's REDD+ Information Hub, those outcomes are fully eligible for international transfer as referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2 and paragraph 3 of the Paris Agreement subject to the avoidance of double counting.
6. Double counting of REDD+ results may be avoided under the REDD+ Framework by way of, amongst others, National Forest Monitoring systems and National GHG inventories covering the entire national forest area.

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<sup>1</sup> The following countries members of the CfRN have endorsed this submission: Bangladesh, Belize, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Gabon, Guyana, Honduras, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Togo and Uganda.

7. Furthermore, to facilitate implementation, the CfRN envisages that each rainforest nation will establish a National GHG Registry and supporting accounting system that would identify ownership and account for national and international transfers of REDD+ mitigation outcomes.

