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IRM Decision on a Request for Extension of Time by the GCF Secretariat

GCF Project **FP001 - *Building the Resilience of Wetlands in the Province of Datem del Marañón, Peru***

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1. On 20 June 2019 the IRM received a request in writing from the GCF Secretariat to extend the timeline for one of the IRM-Secretariat's agreed actions for the preliminary inquiry into FP001.
2. The agreed action for which an extension of time was requested is in relation to the development of a freestanding guidance note on Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) requirements, particularly addressing FPIC documentation requirements.
3. In its request for an extension, the GCF Secretariat indicated that "the Secretariat, in developing the Operational Guidelines including free, prior and informed consent (FPIC), will need to consult with the stakeholders including the AEs, NDAs, and indigenous peoples through the observer organizations pursuant to the Indigenous Peoples Policy." The Secretariat also indicated in its request for an extension that a call for inputs had been circulated on 14 June 2019 to accredited entities (AEs), national designated authorities (NDAs), and observer organizations, and that the consultation period has been set for 21 days, ending on 05 July 2019. The Secretariat accordingly requested that "in light of this consultation requirement, we would like to adjust the indicative timeline for fulfillment of the first recommendation from 30 June to 31 July 2019. This will allow for the conduct of the required consultation, as well as give time for the Secretariat to finalize the Operational Guidelines taking into consideration the inputs received."
4. The IRM, with reference to paragraph 95 of its Procedures and Guidelines (PGs), agrees that "good reasons necessary to ensure the full and proper processing of a case" have been provided by the Secretariat in justification for the extension of time. In particular, the IRM recognizes the importance of proper consultation in guidance setting processes.
5. For this reason, the IRM has agreed to extend the timeline in terms of paragraph 95 of its PGs from 30 June to 31 July 2019 for the issuance of a guidance note by the Secretariat on FPIC requirements.

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