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## REMARKS

# Intersessional Joint Clean Technology Fund and Strategic Climate Fund Committee Meeting

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Thank you for putting these clear next steps, we look forward to updates on its implementation. We support the document and what it stands for; however, on behalf of my constituency, I would want to underscore that it might be worth rethinking where observers can contribute in these processes such as in designing safeguards, gender-mainstreaming, upholding IPs rights, validating results and impacts, decision and policy making, among other proactive roles. I am confident that the collective knowledge of observers and our constituencies, not only in CIF but even in other funds, climate or not, can add-on and complement CIF's existing arsenal and tools. We are cognizant of the fact that the CIF accommodates observers and values our participation, we look forward to seeing how the governance review can further strengthen this relationship.

We would be more than happy to fill the space given to us, we are not plumbers but we will not shy away from heavy work to make this house more comfortable to live in.

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