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*Re.: Transparency about unsolicited letters and LoAs*

Dear Ms. Filmozer,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 May 2010, which has been made available to the Board.

On behalf of the Chair of the Board, I assure you that the Board considers transparency to be a vital element of the CDM process. With regard the first issue raised on unsolicited submissions your research has correctly identified that these letters are not made publicly available. We consider it a normal operating practice to treat submissions to the Board from external bodies as confidential. In case the Executive Board considers that a submission necessitates a general action, any decisions taken will be reflected in the meeting report. However the Board does recognize the needs for additional channels of communication to support the identification and resolution of issues affecting stakeholders involved in the implementation of the mechanisms and has requested the secretariat to identify systems to complement the existing process for unsolicited submissions.

With regard to the transparency of letters of approval I wish to inform you that the secretariat does, has always, and always will make all valid letters of approval publicly available on the page of the related CDM project activity on the UNFCCC CDM website. This includes both LoAs which are submitted prior to registration and those submitted subsequently. No CERs can be transferred from the CDM registry to a national registry, or account holder within a national registry, unless a valid authorization has been received from the relevant Designated National Authority. If you have any information regarding letters of approval which are not displayed, we would be most interested to receive this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniele Violetti', is placed above the printed name.

Daniele Violetti  
Secretary to the CDM Executive Board