DECISION

On establishment of the Steering Committee for implementation of the “Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD+)” in Vietnam

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to the Government’s Decree No. 01/2008/ND-CP dated 3rd January 2008 stipulating functions, tasks, authorities and organizational structure of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD); and the Government Decree No. 75/2009/ND-CP dated 10th September 2009 revising Article 3 of the Decree No. 01/2008/ND-CP thereof;

Pursuant to the Prime Minister’s Decision No. 158/2008/QD-TTg dated 2nd December 2008 on approval of the National Target Program to Respond to Climate Change (NTP-CC);

At proposal made by Director of Department of Organization and Human Resources of MARD and Director General of the Viet Nam Administration of Forestry (VNFOREST),

DECIDES

Article 1: To establish the National Steering Committee for implementation of the “Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD+)” in Viet Nam (hereafter referred to the Vietnam REDD+ Steering Committee).

Article 2: Tasks and Rights of the Viet Nam REDD+ Steering Committee

The Viet Nam REDD+ Steering Committee shall

1. Propose relevant policies and approaches on issues relating to forest carbon and implementation of REDD+ Initiatives in Viet Nam to the MARD’s Minister and the National Steering Committee for NTP-CC.

2. Assist the Minister of MARD in steering relevant agencies under MARD; and in collaborating and coordinating with relevant line ministries, local authorities and organizations to implement the REDD+ Initiatives in Viet Nam.

3. Direct the formulation and implementation of the National REDD+ Programme, relevant strategies and action plans; and coordinate international cooperation activities to mobilize technical and financial resources for implementation of the REDD+ Initiative.
4. Implement other REDD+ related tasks as designated by the Minister of MARD.

Article 3: Structure and Members

1. Chairperson: H.E. Cao Duc Phat, Minister of MARD;

2. Vice-Chairpersons, including
   a) First Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Hua Duc Nhi, Vice Minister, MARD;
   b) Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Nguyen Ba Ngai, Deputy Director General of VNFOREST, MARD;

3. Members:
   a) Mr. Trang Hieu Dung, Director General, Department of Planning, MARD;
   b) Mr. Tran Van Hung, Director, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, MARD;
   c) Ms. Nguyen Thi Tuyet Hoa, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, MARD;
   d) Mr. Nguyen Van Ha, Deputy Director, Department of Finance, MARD;
   e) Ms. Pham Minh Thoa, Director, Department of Science, Technology and International Cooperation, VNFOREST, MARD;
   f) Mr. Doan Hoa Nam, Deputy Director General, Forest Protection Department, VNFOREST, MARD;
   g) Mr. Pham Manh Cuong, Senior Official, Department of Science, Technology and International Cooperation, VNFOREST, MARD, acting as National REDD+ Focal Point and Secretary of the Vietnam REDD+ Steering Committee;
   h) Representatives from relevant ministries and ministerial level agencies: Office of the Government; Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment (National Focal Point of UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol); Ministry of Planning and Investment; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Science and Technology; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and National Ethnic Committee.

At the Steering Committee’s meetings, Chairperson of the Viet Nam REDD+ Steering Committee could invite representatives from relevant ministries, local authorities and other stakeholders to participate in and discuss necessary issues.

Article 4. Operational Regime & Funding Sources

1. Specific tasks of each of members of the Vietnam REDD+ Steering Committee shall be designated by the Chairperson; and all the members work on part-time basis;

2. The Chairperson and the first Vice-Chairperson shall be entitled to sign relevant business documents and use the seal of MARD; and the Vice Chairperson shall sign relevant business documents on designated works and use the seal of the Viet Nam Administration of Forestry;

3. The Chairperson shall issue operational regulations of the Viet Nam REDD+ Steering Committee;
4. In order to fulfill the tasks, the Viet Nam REDD+ Steering Committee and a Viet Nam REDD+ Office shall be entitled to use the VNFOREST’s annually operational fund which is provided from the State’s budget, and support from relevant programs and/or projects.

**Article 5: Supporting Agencies to the Viet Nam REDD+ Steering Committee**

1. The Viet Nam Administration of Forestry shall be designated to provide secretariat functions for the Vietnam REDD+ Steering Committee;

2. The Vietnam REDD+ Steering Committee shall be assisted by the Vietnam REDD+ Office.
   
a) The Vietnam REDD+ Office shall be placed at the VNFOREST Headquarters, be entitled to have a bank account and to use the seal of the VNFOREST Administration Office for its assigned tasks.

b) The staff of the Vietnam REDD+ Office shall include a Chief Administrator, seconded officials and other contracted staff, determined by VNFOREST Director General.

c) The VNFOREST Director General shall decide the establishment of the Vietnam REDD+ Office and promulgate its operational regulations.

**Article 6: Entry into Force and Implementation Arrangement**

1. The Decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature;

2. The Chief of the MARD’s Administration Office, Director General of Department of Organization and Human Resources, Director General of the Viet Nam Administration of Forestry, Heads of relevant Departments and members of the Viet Nam REDD+ Steering Committee shall have the responsibility to implement the Decision.

**Cc:**

- Officials listed in Article 6;
- Prime Minister (for report)
- Deputy Prime Ministers (for report)
- Office of GOV;
- MPI, MOF, MOST; MOFA, MONRE, NEC;
- Filed.

**Minister**

(Signed)

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