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Enclosure : Two (-2-)
Subject : No objection support for food security strategy, strengthening trade and
Competitiveness and Productivity and Agricultural Policy in the Caribbean

Dear Mr. Melandri,

With reference to the email of 30th October 2014, regarding the regional Technical Cooperation for Caribbean countries titled Agricultural Support Policy in the Caribbean: A strategy of food security, climate change, agricultural productivity and competitiveness, we hereby inform you that the Government of Suriname has no objection to be incorporated as a participating/beneficiary country for this regional effort.

Please find enclosed a letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries supporting this effort.

Ministry of Finance,


Drs. L. Pinas -Halfhide

Enclosure:

- Letter of the Ministry of Agriculture
- Email dated 30th October 2014



Ministerie van Landbouw, Veeteelt en Visserij



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Onderwerp : Support for food security strategy, strengthening trade and competitiveness and productivity and agriculture policy in the Caribbean: GoS No Objection

Ons Kenmerk : 6188/14

Bijlage(n) :

Refererend naar het schrijven per email dd. 30 oktober 2014 van de vertegenwoordiger van de Inter-American Developmentbank (IDB), dhr. Marco Nicola met bovengenoemd onderwerp, waarvan wij een copie schrijven hebben ontvangen mogen wij u informeren dat het ministerie van Landbouw, Veeteelt en Visserij geen bezwaar heeft om te participeren in de regionale technische samenwerking.

Directeur van het Ministerie van Landbouw, Veeteelt en Visserij

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Subject: Support for food security strategy, strengthening trade and Competitiveness and Productivity and Agricultural Policy in the Caribbean: GoS No Objection

Dear Maikel and Sagita:

The IDB program *Modernization of Agricultural Public Services (SU-L1033)*, established a series of commitments to policy, legal and institutional reforms for the entire program structured in six components, including **Agricultural Statistics and Information component**. LVV and FAO identified areas that need reinforcement to improve the quality of statistical information. Additionally, in order to build a monitoring and analytical capacity to assess how its agricultural policy instruments translate into support for producers, and objectively understand the contribution of such policy instruments vis-à-vis the Government's objectives, *Estimate of Support for Agricultural sector* using OECD Producer Support Estimate (PSE) methodology was carried out by FAO in 2013, as part of the conditions for first programmatic loan (2013). Proposed Trigger mechanism for the programmatic series of loans includes Estimates of support to agricultural sector updated and published in order to achieve the objective of improving the performance of the data collection and analysis.

Currently IDB plans to conduct a regional Technical Cooperation (TC) for Caribbean countries titled *Agricultural Support Policy in the Caribbean: A strategy of food security, climate change, agricultural productivity and competitiveness*. We see in this TC an opportunity to review and update the previous study, and increase the capacity of LVV to generate and analyze agricultural information and use this tool as a support for sector decision making.

This referenced study, which will be fully financed by the IDB, will take place between January 1, 2015 and Dec 31, 2015 and will be held simultaneously in various countries of the Caribbean, including Barbados, Bahamas, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana and Suriname. The objective of the study is to bring a greater understanding of the changes that are occurring in the area of agriculture and trade policies and the effectiveness of the same in terms of potential impact on the agricultural sector, consumers, and taxpayers, through the study of agricultural support. The study will continue to use the OECD methodology which estimates supports to the agricultural sector. The update of the information for Suriname will provide the decision makers with a better tool to understand the effects from agricultural reforms and policy changes and systematically comparisons with the region.

In particular, the study will: a) analyze and compare the efforts to support the agricultural sector in a context of greater trade openness b) identify the implications for each of the countries from the combination of policies affecting their agricultural sector so that it is possible to propose reforms that are directed to boost productivity and competitiveness of the sector, and improve food security c) to study the budget efforts on general public services such as agricultural inspection systems, research and development, irrigation and drainage infrastructure and identify areas of collaboration to drive future investment.

We are therefore seeking GoS no-objection to incorporate Suriname as a participating/beneficiary country of this regional effort and we look forward to your feedback on the matter..

All the best

Marco Nicola

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