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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE TECHNICAL GROUP ON THE API FOLLOW-UP AND MONITORING SYSTEM (SSM)

April 12, 2012

Buenos Aires, Argentina

NOTES OF THE MEETING

On April 12, 2012, the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, hosted the Meeting of the Executive Technical Group on the Follow-up and Monitoring System (SSM) for the Integration Priority Project Agenda (API). The objectives of the meeting were as follows: (i) define the guidelines for the development of the SSM; (ii) identify the tasks required for the design and implementation of the system; and (iii) present the already existing basic information about the API structured projects in the format of the files to be created in the system and complete and/or update, as appropriate, the field that indicates the current status of each project. The meeting agenda and the list of participating delegations are attached as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

After the working session was opened by the Presidency Pro Tempore (PPT), held by Paraguay, the CCT made a presentation on the proposed guidelines for the design and management of the SSM. This proposal is based on the presentation advanced at the Meeting of National Coordinators held in Brasilia (November, 2011), the answers to the survey conducted in March this year among the National Coordinators, and the virtual meetings held with some countries. The proposal presentation is attached as Annex 3.

Then, the delegations made comments on the following issues:

- It is advisable that the SSM should contain two kinds of fields: public information and restricted access information for COSIPLAN use only.
- It is recommended to analyze the name of the Executive Technical Group at the next Meeting of National Coordinators (April 13, 2012) (*)
- It is necessary to prepare a glossary to standardize the terminology used in the life cycle of the projects.
- It is necessary to consider the development and inclusion in the SSM of a module for monitoring the social and environmental impact of projects.

- In the case of binational or multinational projects, the National Coordinators will arrange the filling in of the descriptive fields for the structured projects among themselves.
- May 15 was established as the deadline for receiving comments and suggestions regarding the proposed guidelines for the design and management of the SSM; such comments and suggestions will be shared with all the countries.
- June 15 was established as the deadline for reviewing, agreeing upon and updating the structured project files, with emphasis on the “proposal,” “rationale,” and “current status” fields.

The delegations agreed to take the following steps:

ACTIVITIES	DEADLINES	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Review the proposed guidelines for the design and management of the SSM, and send comments and suggestions	May 15, 2012	National Coordinators
Prepare a draft glossary to standardize the terminology used in the life cycle of the projects	May 15, 2012	Paraguay
Send comments about the draft glossary	June 15, 2012	National Coordinators
Review, update and agree upon the 31 structured project files	June 15, 2012	National Coordinators
GTE meeting to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate information exchange among the National Coordinators on environmental and social issues and other topics that may be deemed relevant • Present the proposed guidelines for the design and management of the SSM, including the comments submitted by the countries • Present the 31 project files, including the review by the countries 	August 8 and 9, 2012 (GTE Meeting, Montevideo)	National Coordinators

(*) At the Twentieth Meeting of National Coordinators, held on April 13 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the National Coordinators agreed to replace the name “API Follow-up and Monitoring System (SSM)” with the name “API Continuous Monitoring System (CMS)” (see the notes of the Twentieth Meeting of National Coordinators).

List of Annexes

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda

Annex 2: List of Participating Delegations

Annex 3: Presentation on the Proposed Guidelines for the Design and Management of the SSM