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Dear Mr. Montejó:

In response to the communication sent by Empresa de Acueducto y Alcantarillado de Bogotá E.S.P. requesting the national approval of the Hydroelectric Project "Proyecto Central Hidroeléctrica de Santa Ana" as a potentially eligible activity for the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol, and considering that:

- Decision 17th of the Seventh Conference of the Parties establishes that a Party not included in Annex I may participate in a CDM project activity if it is a Party to the Kyoto Protocol;
- Decision 17th of the Seventh Conference of the Parties further requires that prior to the submission of the validation report to the Executive Board, the designated operational entity has received from the project participants written approval of voluntary participation from the designated national authority of each Party involved, including confirmation by the host Party that the project activity assists it in achieving sustainable development.

I hereby declare that:

1. Colombia approved the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change through Law 164 of 1994; which was declared consistent with the Colombian Constitution through decision C-073 of February 23, 1995.
2. Colombia approved the Kyoto Protocol through Law 629 of December 27 of 2000, which was declared consistent with the Colombian Constitution through decision C-860 of April 15, 2001.
3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs through consular note dated May 22nd, 2002 number DM/VAM/CAA No. 19335, addressed to the UNFCCC Secretariat, designated the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development as the National Authority for the Clean Development Mechanism.
4. Colombia participates voluntarily in the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol.



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Additionally, pursuant to the principles, requirements, criteria and procedures for national approval defined by Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development through the Resolutions 0453 and 0454 on April 27th, 2004 and considering that:

1. The Empresa de Acueducto y Alcantarillado de Bogotá E.S.P., as a the sponsor of the Hydroelectric Project "Proyecto Central Hidroeléctrica de Santa Ana" on September 23th of 2004 has furnished to the Ministry documentation in accordance with Annex 2A of Resolution 0454 / 2004 (under cover letter number 4120-E1-73615)
2. Based on such documentation, the Climate Change Mitigation Group of the Vice – Ministry of Environment has drafted the technical opinion and sent it to the Inter-sectoral Steering Committee of Climate Change Mitigation – ISCMCC, according to the schedule.
3. Taking into account the technical opinion of the Climate Change Mitigation Group and other relevant information, the ISCMCC gave an unanimous and independent affirmative recommendation as to the contribution of the Hydroelectric Project of "Proyecto Central Hidroeléctrica de Santa Ana" to the sustainable development of the country, and therefore recommends that the Ministry approve the project.

Based on the foregoing considerations, the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development acting as Designated National Authority, confirms that the Hydroelectric Project "Proyecto Central Hidroeléctrica de Santa Ana" contributes to the sustainable development of Colombia.

This communication has been issued originally in English and Spanish. In case of disagreement the Spanish version will prevail.

Cordially,



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