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Dear Excellency

Thank you for your letter with reference MoAF/FCBL/2016/397 dated August 26, 2016.

We appreciate the Royal Government's decision in reference to the recent Royal Audit Authorities observations in Parliament on external/international technical assistance.

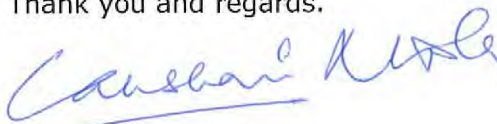
While noting IFAD's Procurement Policy associated with IFAD General Conditions, which promotes an open and competitive process without restriction to any country which allows firms from its member countries and non-member countries to participate and compete for procurement financed by IFAD Loans and Grants, we take this opportunity to communicate IFAD No Objection to the decision to cancel/withdraw the international competitive bidding procurement packages for the three crucial consultancy assessments for FCBL per the design of the Commercial Agriculture and Resilient Livelihoods Enhancement Programme.

We look forward to a revised procurement plan clearly identifying the proposed procurement strategy for these consultancies, considering the proposed consultancies objectives and the overarching development objectives, through an independent team of experts as has been identified in the programme design document.

We have informed CARLEP OPM/FCBL to formally communicate, to all bidders that submitted proposals, the decision to cancel the procurement providing a brief clarification in line with the bid documents issued by RGOB.

We remain available for any further information and/or clarification we can provide in this regard.

Thank you and regards.



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