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Adaptation Fund Board

Proposal for India (NABARD)

India: Climate Smart Actions and Strategies in North Western Himalayan Region for Sustainable Livelihoods of Agriculture-Dependent Hill Communities (Fully-developed project document; National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD); IND/NIE/Agri/2014/2; US\$ 969,570)

Having considered the intersessional technical review of the fully-developed project document carried out by the secretariat and the Project and Programme Review Committee (PPRC), and the recommendation of the PPRC, the Adaptation Fund Board decides to:

- (a) Not approve the project document, as supplemented by the clarification response provided by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to the request made by the technical review;
- (b) Request the secretariat to transmit to NABARD the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board's decision, as well as the following issues:
 - (i) The information provided in the proposal, and the findings that are based thereupon, should be consistent and coherent, and reflect the actual conditions and situation, in particular also with respect to beneficiaries and persons at risk;
 - (ii) The assessment and management of risks to vulnerable persons and groups, and women in general, should be comprehensive and commensurate to the risks;
 - (iii) It would be necessary to develop a comprehensive, practical and concrete Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) to cover all the project activities, in conjunction with the Implementing Entity's environmental and social management system, and in line with the Adaptation Fund Environmental and Social Policy;
- (c) Request NABARD to transmit the observations under item (b) to the Government of India.