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Ms

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Reference: Expression of interest Partnership
for market readiness

Dear Ms. Chassard:

We welcome the World Bank's initiative to address the potential and challenges of market mechanisms in the future climate framework. With this communication, I would like to reiterate the interest of our Government in participating in the Partnership for Market Readiness (PMR) with the aim to enhance our capacity to identify the best approaches to address mitigation in our country.

We are currently in the design phase of our Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) and we see a great opportunity under the PMR to address some specific needs and find innovative instruments to enhance private and public sector participation in our LCDS. We have identified some areas in which we consider the PMR could help us going ahead in strengthening the capacity of the industry and energy sectors to participate in scaled up market options. Those needs have been identified in the attached Part A of the expression of interest format.

We look forward to continue working with you in the partnership, and will be glad to answer any question or comment on the information provided in the format.

Best regards,

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