

Re: WB meeting on 22-11-2004: FORESTRY

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### **1.2 Complete Forestry Concession System Restructuring:**

We will initiate the process of termination of forest concession to the (CoM) of all the concessions with a non-approved Strategic Management Plan.

Further we will not approve any of the remaining concessions for logging before:

1. all three levels of planning (Strategic – Operational – Annual) for sustainable management have been done, ~~-reviewed~~ - and approved).
2. the concerns raised by the IFSR (GFA company) of the Forest Management Plans on whether concession management is viable system in Cambodia have been considered thorough.
3. the recommendations by IFSR of Management Plans by the company GFA have been met, including improved biodiversity assessments, re-zoning, training, improved transparency etc.

### **2.1 Rationalize Allocation of Forest Land**

We will rationalize forest land into land uses or land classification, which does not mean the same as allocation of forest land to other owners or to conversion. We do not want to jump to conclusions that land in many cases automatically shall be “allocated” or “released” for conversion. The FA wants to go through a pragmatic process based on survey – analyses – reclassification process – conclusion and decision on uses.

I also find this pressure and pre-assumptions and premature using of words like “allocation of forest land” and “release to conversion” for a dangerous path

>>>>>> tell the lesson from Sihanukville on: first land grabbing by powerful – PM’s speech – uncontrolled land grabbing by villagers – riots <<<<<<<<<<<<

We are doing everything possible to accelerate the demarcation process in a controlled manner but naturally we do also have limits for our capacity and resources.

We have nothing against that forest resources are used (partly) for local development. But again the capacity and absorption ability of the commune councils are still very - very - very low and an involvement of the communes has to reflect that and has to be conducted step by step and rushed faster than absorption capacity allows.

As important as this rationalization process is the coming process on what to do with confiscated land that has been illegal occupied. Perhaps the Bank has some suggestion to how this can be classified into its optimal use?

### **2.2 Strengthening Revenue Collection and Management.**

Why are we always and only talking about that the forestry concessions should contribute to local development ????. Why do we not talk about contributions from Fishery concessions? – Land concessions? etc.

### **3.1. Facilitate the right sizing of the wood procession industry.**

The FA agrees completely with that an improved outcome of the forestry sector, needs to be on making high quality products instead of competing on low quality products.

The FA finds it essential to promote small scale wood processing business by communities, private families.

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