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Comments from the Mexican states of Chiapas and Jalisco to ARB's white paper and workshop on Sector-based Offsets from jurisdictional forest programs.

The Governor's Climate and Forest Taskforce (GCF) members of Chiapas and Jalisco, attendees of the workshop organized by ARB on October 28th, 2015; through their representatives Ricardo Hernández and Mónica Días respectively, consider California's efforts to boost the potential of REDD, extremely positive. California's recognition of global deforestation and forest degradation as an important area to fight climate change and the will to work on advancing the possibility of sector based offset to enter the cap and trade program, opens opportunities to the Mexican subnational jurisdictions and can strengthen the processes that are actually under development.

The continued dialogue and cooperation through the GCF builds a platform to develop processes and increases drive in Mexican States to do more locally and to continue working on innovative policies and incentives that will allow us to transit to a low emissions development model and put a stop to the loss and degradation of forests. From our states we recognize the need of diverse financing sources to implement those policies and incentives. The work in California is the most advanced process to develop and get prepared for the potential financing through a compliance market.

The conviction of our states and others to meet the Under 2 and the Rio Branco declaration targets confirms the commitment of the Mexican states to join efforts with other states and regions of the world to continue exchanging experiences to build on each other's' strengths and build global benefits. California is a key leader for this process to keep growing. If it is decided to include REDD on the cap and trade program, this would provide another example of global climate leadership to bring multiple benefits and encourage the development of other markets.

We celebrate the continued will of California to work closely with Mexican states and appreciate the open spaces to participate and provide comments during workshops and in written form. We expect to continue participating actively in future spaces and workshops.