

“Año de la lucha contra la corrupción y la impunidad”

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California Air and Resources Board,  
State Capital Suite 1173  
Sacramento California, 95814, USA.  
Support for California Tropical Forest Standard

Dear members of the California Air Resources Board

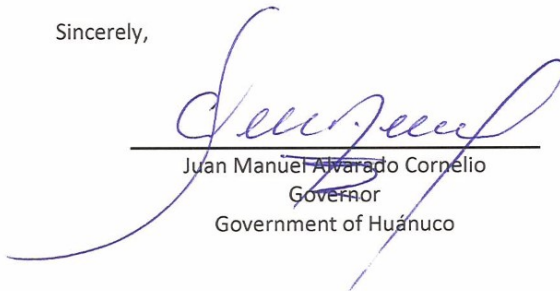
We reiterate here our support for the Tropical Forest Standard and its support from the California Air Resources Board. California has been a world leader in addressing climate change and this standard is an urgent signal that can increase the impact of California's policy beyond its borders. As a tropical forest region, we understand the importance of the fight to protect and sustainably manage forests; as well as its ecological and cultural value, which promotes a green environment for our region, the country and the world. We are working to partner with other jurisdictions to reduce the deforestation of our forests, increase the inclusion of our local communities, strengthen the participation of local actors in forest monitoring, promote sustainable and inclusive forest development and fulfill our national commitments and international aligned to the protection of forests.

The need to address climate change is critical, and stopping deforestation of tropical forests is indispensable and one of the most important steps the world can take to take a safer path. The conservation of tropical forests has a global reach, affecting climatic events such as droughts and forest fires that increasingly affect California and many other global jurisdictions. The California standard will be a solid example of how to establish incentives for large-scale forestry programs that address deforestation with environmental and social integrity. The standard is based on the science of sound; It will provide a necessary model for emerging markets around the world on how forest protection efforts could be recognized by emerging markets, sustainable supply chain efforts and other climate protection programs.

The TFS could be used as a guide on the type of requirements expected from compliance markets for programs that include compliance markets, voluntary markets, sustainable supply chains to recognize our sector-based forest protection efforts and how it works transversely with the proposals of integration to the local populations and communities in our region.

For years, the regional government of Huánuco and California have been learning from each other and collaborating through the Governors Working Group on Climate and Forests (GCF Task Force) and the MOU Under2 led by California. We look forward to continued collaboration and joint subnational leadership to address climate change, stop tropical deforestation and promote sustainable livelihoods. We urge you to take the next step and approve the Tropical Forest Standard.

Sincerely,



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