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Dear Ms. Wightman,

On behalf of the World Cocoa Foundation, I want to extend our congratulations to the Colombian Government, the World Resources Institute, Casa Luker, and all the participating stakeholders on your strong and impressive commitment to end deforestation in the cocoa sector in Colombia. The Framework for Action, and the process that you have followed to galvanize timely action, are a global best practice in public-private partnership to address the critical challenges of environmental sustainability and peace building.

The World Cocoa Foundation supports the Framework of Action that the Colombian stakeholders have drafted, and welcomes Colombia into the global Cocoa and Forests Initiative that we launched last year in collaboration with IDH – the Sustainable Trade Initiative and the Prince of Wales’s International Sustainability Unit.

We look forward to the opportunity to share learning and knowledge from the implementation of the Cocoa and Forests Initiative in West Africa with the Colombian stakeholders, and provide strategic and technical support for the launch of the Colombian Framework for Action as appropriate and possible within the constraints of our work program.

Congratulations again on this significant milestone, and the visionary leadership of the Colombian Government on environmental sustainability and peace building.

Sincerely,

Richard Scobey
President

cc : Craig Hanson and Edward Davey, World Resources Institute
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