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TO the kind attention of the Green Climate Fund Secretariat,

National Alliance for Local Economic Development (NALED) is independent, non-profit and non-partisan association of businesses, local governments and civil society organizations which work together on creating favorable conditions for living and working in Serbia. Since it was established in 2006, NALED has grown into the largest public-private association bringing together more than 300 members, with a partner network involving more than 100 state institutions and international organizations.

NALED provides an independent evaluation of the public administration performance, and reports to the public and the European Commission about the reform status in Serbia, all with the aim of improving the business climate and encouraging economic growth in our country.

During the past months, our Organization worked closely with experts from the Forest Department (Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Water Management) and FAO to describe and analyze the close nexus between energy, forest's health and climate change in Serbia.

NALED is glad to support the project *"Enhancing the resilience of Serbian forests and the carbon storage potential of the country to support and boost the decarbonization process through adaptation and mitigation investments"*.

We believe that the proposed approach and activities are instrumental in reaching the objectives that the country identified with its National Strategy for Renewable Energy, its Nationally Determined Contribution, the Climate Change Law and the Low Carbon Development Strategy among other.

We look forward to further collaborating both during the design phase and execution of the project by facilitating knowledge exchanges and liaising with companies and other actors of the sector that are part of the NALED network.

Appreciatively,


Violeta Jovanović
Executive Director

A circular blue stamp with the text "NALED" in the center. The outer ring contains the text "NACIONALNA ALIJANZA ZA LOKALNO EKONOMSKO RAZVOJ" and "BEOGRAD" at the bottom.