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Good afternoon Inês,

I would like to send you the result of the 28th Meeting of the MSG in which the preliminary evaluation report of the 2nd validation of São Tomé e Príncipe, which was held on Saturday, was discussed.

Unfortunately, we were unable to receive comments prior to the meeting, which also signified agreement with the International Secretariat's assessment.

Some discussion has developed on the need for improvement to address the recommendations in which STP has not made satisfactory progress.

The National Petroleum Agency, represented at the meeting by the Executive Director, undertook to address, through better publication, the aspects related to:

- Corrective action 3. Requirement 2.2. on allocation of licenses:
  1. Efforts are being made to publish all information;
  2. On the transfer of participatory interests, the ANP is working to publish the provisions and procedures and the technical and financial criteria;
  3. These publications will be available on the ANP website, to be updated soon.
  
- Corrective action 4. Requirement 2.3.b. on registration of licenses:

The publication of the dates related to the bidding rounds will be made on the ANP website, from the date of the companies' submission of bids to the signature of the PSCs.

Regarding the other corrective actions, the MSG was unanimous in its support of the evaluation of the Secretariat, acknowledging that efforts should be made to improve the implementation of EITI by improving the role of the National Committee.

I hope that these comments are still useful for the recommendation of the Validation Committee to the Board of Directors.

Greetings and see you in Berlin.

José