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NOTIFICATION

Joint Summary of the Chairs, GEF Council Meeting, November 16 - 18, 2010

Dear Madam/Sir,

The thirty-ninth meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility was held from 16-18 November 2010 in Washington, D.C., United States of America.

The GEF Council approved a work program of five Project Identification Forms (PIFs), including two biodiversity projects, in the amount of \$157.68 million. The Council agreed that the GEF shall launch a pilot on accrediting new agencies under Paragraph 28 of the Instrument, and priority shall be given to the accreditation of national institutions. New agencies accredited to the GEF shall be referred to as GEF Project Agencies. If new rules are developed and applied to accredited GEF Project Agencies, then they shall also be applied to the existing GEF Agencies, as appropriate, in order to maintain a level playing field.

I have the honour to transmit, for your information, the Joint Summary of the Chairs of this meeting.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points
CPB National Focal Points

November 18, 2010

**JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS
39TH GEF COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16-18, 2010**

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was opened by Ms. Monique Barbut, Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Facility.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

2. The Council elected Mr. Javed Talat, the Council Member representing the constituency of Afghanistan, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Syria and Yemen as its elected Co-Chair.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The Council approved the provisional agenda set forth in document GEF/C.39/1.

REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF STAP

4. Mr. Thomas Lovejoy, the Chairman of STAP, reported on the activities of STAP and made a statement to the Council on the work of the Panel.

STATEMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE CONVENTIONS

5. The Council heard statements from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Mr. Paul Horwitz, representing Mr. Marco Gonzalez, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, Mr. Donald Cooper, Executive Secretary of the Stockholm Convention and Ms. Marcia Levaggi, Manager of the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat.

DECISIONS

6. The Council approved the following decisions with respect to the items on its agenda.

Decision on Agenda Item 6 *Relations with the Conventions*

7. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.39/3, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, welcomed the report. The Council requested the GEF

partnership to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision on Agenda Item 7 *Report of the Evaluation Office Director*

8. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.39/1, *GEF Evaluation Office: Progress Report from the Director*, took note of the on-going work of the Office and the outlines of the work plan for GEF-5 that the Office is preparing, and requested the Office to prepare a detailed work plan and budget for the GEF-5 period at its meeting in May 2011, taking into account comments made at this meeting.

Decision on Agenda Item 8 *Review of the Earth Fund*

9. The Council, having reviewed the documents, *Review of the Global Environment Facility Earth Fund* (GEF/ME/C.39/2 and GEF/ME/C.39/Inf.1) and *Management Response to the GEF Earth Fund Review* (GEF/ME/C.39/3), requested the Secretariat, in collaboration with the GEF Agencies and representatives of the private sector, foundations, and civil society organizations, to prepare for the May 2011 Council meeting a revised strategy for enhancing engagement with the private sector. This strategy should provide a clear analysis of the gaps and opportunities for GEF activities, which would secure good value for GEF resources.

Decision on Agenda Item 9 *Evaluation of the Strategic Priority for Adaptation*

10. The Council, having reviewed documents, *Evaluation of the GEF Strategic Priority for Adaptation* (GEF/ME/C.39/4) and *Management Response to the Evaluation of the GEF Strategic Priority for Adaptation* (GEF/ME/C.39/5), requested the Secretariat to develop and implement screening tools. These tools will serve as a first step to ensure the mainstreaming and targeting of adaptation and resilience, to reduce the risks from climate change in GEF focal areas and its activities. The Council further requested the Secretariat to report to its November 2012 meeting on steps taken and progress made, including indicators for RBM and M&E.

11. The Council requested the Secretariat to continue monitoring the implementation of the SPA to ensure lessons can be learned from the portfolio. It requested the Evaluation Office, STAP and the Adaptation Task Force to provide guidelines in 2012 for evaluations of SPA projects to learn from the outcomes and impacts of the projects.

Decision on Agenda Item 10 *Revised Monitoring and Evaluation Policy*

12. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.39/6, *Revision of the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy*, approved the revised GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy contained in Annex 1 of this working document and requested the GEF Evaluation Office to proceed with its publication and wide dissemination.

Decision on Agenda Item 11 *GEF FY11-14 Business Plan*

13. The Council reviewed document GEF/C. 39/4, *GEF Business Plan for FY 11-14*, including proposals for implementing the recommendations of the Fifth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund and programming GEF-5 resources.

14. The Council requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the GEF entities, to present a combined FY12 budget and FY12-14 business plan for discussion at its May 2011 meeting. This combined budget and business plan should report on the use of GEF resources during FY11 and on GEF accomplishments over the same period. It should also present an updated plan for programming resources and implementing GEF-5 recommendations over the remainder of the GEF-5 replenishment period.

Decision on Agenda Item 12

Work Program

15. The Council reviewed the proposed work program presented in document GEF/C.39/5 and approved the work program comprising 5 project concepts, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted, in writing to the Secretariat by December 2, 2010.

16. Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$157.68 million which included GEF project grants and Agency fees. The approved work program is comprised of the following 5 Project Identification Forms (PIFs):

Biodiversity

1. **Chile** : Strengthening National Frameworks for IAS Governance - Piloting in the Juan Fernandez Archipelago (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,000,000)
2. **Yemen** : Leopards and Landscapes: Using a Flagship Species to Strengthen Conservation in the Republic of Yemen (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,430,000)

Climate Change

3. **Kazakhstan** : Reducing GHG Emissions through a Resource Efficiency Transformation Programme (ResET) for Industries in Kazakhstan (EBRD) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,090,000)

Multi Focal Area

4. **Global** : 5th Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$134,615,385)

Ozone Depleting Substances

5. **Russian Federation** : Phase-out of CFC Consumption in the Manufacture of Aerosol Metered-dose Inhalers (MDIs) in the Russian Federation (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,550,000)

17. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If the GEF CEO determines that there have been major changes to the project scope and approach since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

18. With respect to the following two projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing a project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:

- a) Yemen: Leopards and Landscapes: Using a Flagship Species to Strengthen Conservation in the Republic of Yemen.
- b) Global: 5th Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme.

19. The associated Table 1 annexed to this Joint Summary of the Chairs details the funding decisions taken by the Council during this 39th session on the work program.

Decision on Agenda Item 13 Results-Based Management and Knowledge Management Work Plan for GEF-5

20. The Council having reviewed document GEF/C.39/6, *Results-based Management and Knowledge Management Work Plan for GEF-5*, approved the proposal put forward in the document and requested the GEF Secretariat to implement the plan accordingly and to comply with the timeline detailed in Annex 1 of the document.

Decision on Agenda Item 14 Broadening the GEF Partnership

21. The Council, having reviewed Document GEF/C.39/7/Rev.1, *Broadening of the GEF Partnership under Paragraph 28 of the Instrument: Key Policy Issues*, thanked the members of the Council subcommittee on Paragraph 28 and the experts who served on the Task Force.

22. The Council agreed that the GEF shall launch a pilot on accrediting new agencies under Paragraph 28 of the Instrument. Reflecting the GEF's interest in promoting country ownership and drivenness, priority shall be given to the accreditation of national institutions. Criteria to choose the Agencies that will be part of the pilot will be developed by the Secretariat, in consultation with the existing Council Subcommittee, for approval by Council at its spring 2011 meeting.

23. New agencies accredited to the GEF shall be referred to as GEF Project Agencies. The status of the ten GEF Agencies (the original three Implementing and the seven additional Executing Agencies) shall remain unchanged, but if new rules are developed and applied to accredited GEF Project Agencies, then they shall also be applied to the existing GEF Agencies, as appropriate, in order to maintain a level playing field.

24. The Council requested the Secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the existing Council Subcommittee, a revised set of Value-Added Review Criteria to be presented to the spring 2011 Council.

25. The Council, having reviewed Document GEF/C.39/8/Rev.1, *Accreditation Procedure for GEF Project Agencies*, approved the accreditation procedure contained therein as the basis for accrediting new GEF Project Agencies. Applicants shall be required to:

- (a) Undergo a Value-Added Review;
- (b) Meet all of the GEF Fiduciary Standards; and
- (c) Meet the environmental and social safeguards criteria, as will be presented for approval by the Council in spring 2011.

26. All Agencies will have to apply all GEF polices and follow the GEF project cycle.

27. The Council directed the Secretariat to undertake the following actions:

- (a) Develop a comprehensive accreditation procedures manual covering all steps in the accreditation procedure, as well as the Stage 1 and Stage 2 application forms;
- (b) Receive and evaluate Stage 1 applications after Council approval in spring 2011 of the pilot on accrediting GEF Project Agencies; and
- (c) Establish an Accreditation Panel with administrative support provided by the Trustee as described in the document.

Decision on Agenda Item 15 Fees and Management Costs

28. The Council, having reviewed GEF/C.39/9, *Rules and Guidelines for Agency Fees and Project Management Costs*, welcomed the clarifications provided in the paper regarding the use of these resources provided by the GEF to meet the administrative costs of both GEF Agencies and projects.

29. The Council requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the Agencies and the Council, to arrange for an external review to establish the current usage of Agency fees. The Council further requested the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Agencies, to present options and/or recommendations to rationalize Agency fees, as appropriate. Finally, the Council requested the GEF Agencies to collaborate with the Secretariat to agree on an annual reporting format to be utilized for future annual reporting starting in spring FY12. For FY11, the Agencies will report using the current format.

Decision on Agenda Item 16 Enhancing the Work of CSOs in the GEF Partnership

30. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.39/10, *Enhancing the Engagement of Civil Society Organizations in the Operations of the GEF*, welcomed the proposal. The Council requested the GEF Secretariat to work with countries, Agencies, the GEF NGO Network and other partners to implement the proposed activities through regular GEF operations.

31. The Council decided to hold its fall 2011 meeting the week of November 7th.
32. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.39/12, *SRC Proposal for a GEF CEO and EO Director Salary Review Process*, approved the amended process as set forth in the document for the GEF SRC to review the GEF CEO's and EO Director's salaries and to recommend to the Council any adjustment to those salaries at the fall council meetings.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

33. The meeting closed on November 18, 2010.

Table 1: Record of Resources Requested for Projects and Resulting Council Decisions
Council Meeting ending 11/18/2010

Project Funding									Project Funding			Comments
Amounts Requested for Funding									Amounts Approved by Council			
GEF_ID	focalAreaDesc	Agency	Joint	Title	Country	GEF Amount Requested	IA Fees Requested	Total Amount Requested	GEF Amount Approved	IA Fees Approved	Total Amount Approved	
4201	Biodiversity	World Bank	No	Leopards and Landscapes: Using a Flagship Species to Strengthen Conservation in the Republic of Yemen	Yemen	2,430,000	243,000	2,673,000	2,430,000	243,000	2,673,000	Project to be submitted to Council for second review
4330	Biodiversity	UNDP	No	Strengthening National Frameworks for IAS Governance - Piloting in Juan Fernandez Archipelago	Chile	4,000,000	400,000	4,400,000	4,000,000	400,000	4,400,000	
4348	Climate Change	EBRD	No	Reducing GHG Emissions through a Resource Efficiency Transformation Programme (ResET) for Industries in Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	7,090,000	709,000	7,799,000	7,090,000	709,000	7,799,000	Project to be submitted to Council for second review
4329	Multi Focal Area	UNDP	No	5th Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme	Global	134,615,385	5,384,615	140,000,000	134,615,385	5,384,615	140,000,000	
4387	Ozone Depleting	UNIDO	No	Phase-out of CFC Consumption in the Manufacture of Aerosol Metered-dose Inhalers (MDIs) in the Russian Federation	Russian Federation	2,550,000	255,000	2,805,000	2,550,000	255,000	2,805,000	
						150,685,385	6,991,615	157,677,000	150,685,385	6,991,615	157,677,000	

Global Environment Facility Trust Fund
Table 2: Record of Resources Requested by Agency and Resulting Council Decisions
Council Meeting ending 11/18/2010

Summary of Council Decisions

Funding status as of 11/18/10	220,598,000
Approvals by Council	157,677,000
Funding status after Council meeting	62,921,000

Agency	Amounts Requested for Funding					Amounts Approved by Council				
	Project	Fee	Corporate Budget	Special Initiatives	Total	Project	Fee	Corporate Budget	Special Initiatives	Total
ADB			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBRD	7,090,000	709,000	-	-	7,799,000	7,090,000	709,000	-	-	7,799,000
IADB			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IFAD			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDP	138,615,385	5,784,615	-	-	144,400,000	138,615,385	5,784,615	-	-	144,400,000
UNEP			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNIDO	2,550,000	255,000	-	-	2,805,000	2,550,000	255,000	-	-	2,805,000
World Bank	2,430,000	243,000	-	-	2,673,000	2,430,000	243,000	-	-	2,673,000
GEF Secretariat	-	-			-	-	-			-
GEF Evaluation Office	-	-								
STAP	-	-								
Trustee	-	-			-	-	-			-
Total	150,685,385	6,991,615	-	-	157,677,000	150,685,385	6,991,615	-	-	157,677,000