

**National Communications –Provision of Financial and
Technical Support**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for this opportunity to make this intervention on agenda item 4c –Provision of Financial and Technical Support.

Mr. Chairman, we are pleased to inform you that the GEF has successfully completed its sixth replenishment process, with 30 donors countries pledging US\$ 4.43 billion over the next four years. This is a record replenishment for the GEF and a positive signal from the global community, including strong support from developing countries. Mr. Chairman, we will continue to provide the necessary resources to countries to enable them to meet their commitments to the Convention. We will have a side event on June 7th at 13.15 to provide further details of GEF 6 program strategy.

Mr. Chairman, on the subject of biennial update reports, the document FCCC/SBI/2014/INF.7 provides an update on the status of the GEF support to 31 countries to date to prepare their

reports.. This information has been collected by the GEF Agencies, from the countries. We would like to thank all of the countries who have provided information for the completion of this report.

Mr. Chairman, since the completion of this report, Togo, Kazakhstan and Honduras have had projects for the preparation of biennial update reports technically cleared by the GEF Secretariat. We understand that several countries are in the process of preparing applications for resources and we encourage parties to apply.

Mr. Chairman, on the subject of the nationally intended national contributions to the 2015 agreement, the GEF is responding to guidance from the Warsaw COP, to provide support to countries. Specifically, the GEF is financing a new component of the Global Support Program for National Communications and Biennial Update Reports, to provide technical support to countries for the

preparation of intended national contributions. Countries can apply through GEF Agencies to the GEF for resources to prepare intended national contributions to the 2015 agreement.

Mr. Chairman, as we embark upon GEF 6 we wish to assure all parties that the GEF will continue to provide as a priority resources for national communications and biennial update reports. We recognize the importance of these activities in collecting climate data, strengthening institutions, and developing climate change policies and strategies, and enhancing capacity.

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman.