

Provision of Financial and Technical Support

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Global Environment Facility

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

Mr. Chairman, the document FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.2 provides information on the status of biennial update reports in non-annex 1 parties. Mr. Chairman we are pleased to note that since the publication of this report, Armenia, Moldova, and Uruguay have had proposals approved to prepare their biennial update reports.

Mr. Chairman over 90 countries now have proposals approved to prepare biennial update reports. We would like to thank the countries for their assistance in compiling the information in the document FCCC/SBI/2016/INF.2, and the progress which has been made.

Biennial update reports play a significant role for parties to fulfill their convention obligations. It is clear that these activities will

continue to play a key role in assisting countries with implementing the Paris Agreement

The GEF has put measures in place to ensure that parties do not have to use their GEF country allocations to prepare these reports. Resources have been set aside for the countries for this purpose.

Furthermore, to provide technical support for parties, the GEF continues to support the Global Support Program for National Communications and Biennial Update Reports. This program is now under implementation through UNDP and UNEP, and also provides technical support for INDCs.

Mr. Chairman, The Paris Agreement requested the GEF to establish the Capacity Building Initiative on Transparency (CBIT). The GEF has made good progress on this issue, and we will have a side event to inform and update parties on the development of the

CBIT. This event will take place on Thursday May 19th in Room Nairobi at 1.15pm

Mr. Chairman, if parties are having any problems or difficulties, we encourage you to contact the GEF secretariat or GEF agency staff here in Bonn for clarifications and technical assistance.

Mr. Chairman, we would like to reassure parties that the GEF will continue to provide resources as a priority for the preparation of biennial update reports.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.