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Agenda Item 7 a (Joint Report of the TEC and the CTCN)

Oral Report by Griffin Thompson, Chair CTCN Advisory Board

On behalf of the Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN) Advisory Board it is my pleasure to provide a brief report on the progress of the CTCN to augment its submitted Joint Report with the TEC.

Over the past several years the Parties worked diligently to design the Technology Mechanism, which is intended to enhance and support Parties' efforts to increase technology development and transfer. We have heard from the Chair of the Technology Executive Committee on its accomplishments over the past year, and I am happy to report that the CTCN has been equally busy and productive.

First, let me begin by saying that UNEP, the organization the Parties chose to host the Center, has been very active on a range of important tasks, and is accomplishing everything that needs to be done in order to make the Center fully operational. UNEP has established the location of the Center in the United Nations City building in Copenhagen, Denmark, and is currently completing its staffing patterns for its operations. Second, UNEP has secured current funding from donors at over \$16M USD, with close to an additional \$6M in cash and in-kind contributions. UNEP is also engaging with other potential donors.

Third, UNEP has conducted extensive outreach and communications activities, holding stakeholder dialogues in Asia, Latin America, Africa, North America and Europe. Fourth, UNEP has been developing the all-important Knowledge Management System, which will be the informational nucleus of the Center's support architecture. Fifth, realizing that knowledgeable and engaged Nationally Designated Entities (NDEs) are essential to the ultimate success of the CTCN, UNEP has produced an informal guidance note for all Parties and is currently developing a capacity-building and support program for NDEs. It is extremely important for all Parties to identify and nominate their NDEs and all Parties should not hesitate in reaching out to UNEP for any assistance in this matter. Finally, UNEP is also developing similar guidance on how they would handle requests from developing countries and construct the Center's Network.

As for the CTCN Advisory Board, we too have been active and have complied with the mandates of the Parties. In just two meetings, the diversely represented AB has **selected** the Chair (myself) and Co-Chair (Fred Onduri of Uganda), **determined** our operational modalities and procedures; **approved** the report of the CTCN and its Programme of Work; **approved** the Prioritization criteria for responding to requests from developing country parties; and, **approved** the criteria regarding the structure of the Network and the designation of members of the Network.

In short, the CTCN stands poised to live up to the promise and the potential of its important mandate and we should all be optimistic over its ultimate success in supporting the accelerated pace of technology development and transfer.