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Submission by Solomon Islands on Agenda COP (8d) and CMA (7c) relating to Guidance to the Global Environment Facility

- 1). Solomon Islands aligns its support for submissions made by Malawi on behalf of LDCs, Antigua & Barbuda on behalf of AOSIS, and Palestine on behalf of G77 Plus China.
- 2). Solomon Islands expresses its concern with the progressive reduction in funds for climate change over the fifth, sixth and seventh cycles, and urge the COP and CMA to request for an increase in allocation for climate change because of a variety of reasons including:
 - a) GEF STAR allocation offers greater flexibility and predictability of funds at the national level; and,
 - b) Whilst GCF and other sources of funding often focus on large size projects, GEF STAR allocation are more readily prepared in a shorter timeframe than GCF and thus allowing a country to address pressing vulnerabilities.
- 3). In addition, Solomon Islands has been experiencing challenges meeting co-financing requirements and there is a need to relook at this to reduce the burden of this requirement on vulnerable developing countries.