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Provision of financial and technical support

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak on GEF's support provision.

On national communications and biennial update reports (BURs), countries continue to make good progress. Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, the GEF approved support for nine national communications and five BURs, for \$18.2 million. Since then, projects in Montenegro and Argentina were approved. In total, the GEF has supported 206 BURs in 132 countries and 497 national communications in 152 countries. The Global Support Program provides additional backstopping.

Resources are provided on the basis of agreed full-cost funding. Non-Annex I Parties receive up to \$352,000 for the BUR and \$500,000 for the national communication from the set-aside. Parties do not need to use their country STAR allocation.

On biennial transparency reports (BTRs), as of October 2021, the GEF has approved support for 12 BTRs in 11 countries, for \$11.6 million. The GEF made available BTR support in February 2021 to provide Parties with sufficient lead time

to meet the December 2024 deadline. Parties can access up to \$484,000 for the BTR and \$517,000 for the combined BTR and national communication, from the set-aside.

Regarding CBIT, the GEF has supported 81 projects totaling \$141 million, in a geographically balanced manner. 80 percent of projects are under implementation. The Secretariat continues to approve new CBIT projects.

The GEF supports Convention obligations and enabling activities as a priority. Options for improving the efficiency of support are considered in the ongoing replenishment process, which will conclude in spring of 2022.

Thank you.