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Support for Reporting and Capacity-building under Article 13 of the
Paris Agreement

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Thank you, Madam Chair, for the opportunity to provide a statement on the support for reporting and capacity-building under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement to developing country Parties by the Global Environment Facility.

First, let me summarize the successful outcomes of the negotiations for the eighth replenishment of the GEF, with a total of \$5.33 billion pledged to support developing countries address their global environmental priorities and goals of the five Conventions that the GEF serves as financial mechanism.

We are pleased to report that the importance of the GEF's mandate as the provider of financial support for reporting and for the implementation of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) under the Paris Agreement was reaffirmed in the replenishment process. For the GEF-8 period, from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026, the set aside resources for reporting activities were increased to \$145 million, from \$110 million in the preceding GEF-7 period. This figure includes support for the Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT), which increased to \$75 million in the GEF-8 period, from \$55 million. Overall, there is a 33 percent increase in resources for the implementation of the ETF.

The document [FCCC/SBI/2022/INF.15](#) includes information on the status of resources provided by the GEF for the preparation of national communications, biennial update reports (BURs), and biennial transparency reports (BTRs).

Countries continue to make progress on reporting. During the reporting period of 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, the GEF has approved support for 26 national communications, three BURs, and 38 BTRs for \$48.5 million. In total, as of 31 October 2022, the GEF has supported 206 BURs in 132 countries for \$86.4 million, and 521 national communications in 152 countries for \$260.9 million.

Regarding BTRs, in response to CMA guidance, the GEF developed modalities to support developing country Parties in preparing their first and subsequent BTRs. They were first made available in February 2021 to provide sufficient lead time for countries to prepare and submit their first BTR by December 2024.

Subsequently, the agreed full cost of BTR has been increased for the GEF-8 period. For a stand-alone BTR, Parties can access up to \$600,000. For a combined BTR and national communications, Parties can access up to \$613,000. Parties that are in the process of preparing and submitting another report can access additional, top-up financing of \$250,000, starting in January 2023. Parties can also access resources for multiple reports.

These resources are available from the climate change focal area set aside. As with other reports, resources above these amounts, if needed, may be provided from a country's STAR national allocation.

To date, the GEF has supported 49 BTRs in 48 countries, for a total of \$35.2 million. In addition to stand-alone national projects, the GEF is supporting an umbrella program to provide support for up to 43 BTRs. Already, 25 countries have joined the umbrella program for their BTR preparations.

In response to the CMA guidance, the GEF has recently submitted an addendum to the COP report, with information on reporting systems under the ETF.

Let me now report on the GEF's CBIT efforts. Since the CBIT was launched in 2016, the GEF has supported 88 projects totaling \$144.7 million. These projects are supporting 86 countries, including 29 least developed countries, fifteen small island developing States, three of which are LDC-SIDS, to address their priority capacity needs. The GEF Secretariat will continue to approve new CBIT project proposals in alignment with the Paris Agreement decision, utilizing available set-aside resources.

Already, 74 projects, or 88 percent of the CBIT portfolio, are under implementation. This means many Parties are building and enhancing their capacity to meet requirements of Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.

The CBIT support is provided in a geographically balanced manner. These projects respond to nationally identified priorities and are specific to each country's transparency-related needs. The CBIT is also supporting five global

projects for targeted sectoral efforts, knowledge sharing, coordination, and capacity-building.

The GEF has historically supported the Global Support Program (GSP) to provide additional technical guidance and backstopping to Parties for the development of national communications and BURs. The latest program provided support to 130 countries and concluded in September 2021.

The transition to the BTR by 2024 has highlighted the need to continue with the provision of global support. Therefore, the GEF is funding the merger of the GSP and the CBIT Global Coordination Platform into a new, single platform. This initiative aims to provide streamlined support globally, with capacity building and coordination to help Parties meet the ETF requirements.

Finally, we would like to reassure Parties that the GEF will continue to provide resources as a priority for the timely preparation and submission of BTRs and national communications, as well as for the CBIT, and to continue to respond to guidance.

The GEF Secretariat remains available for consultations with Parties on this subject as well as broader GEF support.

Thank you.