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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, the GEF approved support for six national communications and three biennial update reports, for an additional \$4.5 million. In total, as of June 1 2022, the GEF has supported 203 BURs in 132 countries and 497 national communications in 152 countries. The Global Support Program provides additional backstopping and the GEF is funding its continuation taking into consideration the requirements of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF).

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), to date the GEF has approved support for 17 BTRs in 16 countries, for \$14.7 million. An Umbrella Program with funding for

\$32.1 million, for up to 62 BTRs, is included in the GEF's June 2022 work program. Parties can access up to \$484,000 for the BTR and \$517,000 for the combined BTR and national communication, from the set-aside. The agreed full cost of BTRs will be increased from the start of GEF-8, in response to relevant CMA guidance.

Regarding CBIT, the GEF has supported 84 projects totaling \$137.9 million, in a geographically balanced manner. 88 percent of projects are under implementation and the Secretariat continues to approve new CBIT projects.

The GEF supports Convention obligations and enabling activities as a priority. Participants to the eighth replenishment of the GEF agreed to increase set aside resources for enabling activities and CBIT in the upcoming GEF-8 period by 33% compared to GEF-7, and the GEF Secretariat is working swiftly to implement the related guidance from COP 26 and CMA 3.

Thank you.