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Thank you, Mr Chair, 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, 2021 and June 30, 2022, the GEF approved support for sixteen national communications and seven BURs, for \$15.9 million. Since then, the GEF approved support for 30 national communications. In total, as of June 1, 2023, the GEF has supported 207 BURs in 132 countries and 534 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).

On biennial transparency reports (BTRs), to date the GEF has approved support for 86 BTRs in 68 countries, for \$60.4 million. Following CMA guidance, the costing of BTRs was updated in June 2022 and made effective at the start of the GEF-8 period, on July 1, 2022. Parties can now access up to \$600,000 for the BTR and \$633,000 for the combined BTR and national communication, up from \$484,000 and \$517,000 respectively in GEF-7. These resources are available from the climate change focal area set aside and Parties do not need to use their country STAR allocation.

Regarding CBIT, the GEF has supported 89 projects in 87 countries, totaling \$146.6 million, in a geographically balanced manner. Eleven projects have completed implementation and 53 projects are under implementation. The GEF continues to approve new CBIT projects upon request, including second phase 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 for the GEF-8 period by 33% compared to GEF-7, and the GEF Secretariat is working swiftly to implement the related guidance from COP 27 and CMA 4.

In response to guidance from CMA 4, the GEF is hosting a consultation with Parties on the GEF Support to the ETF, which will take place on June 8, between 1pm and 2:30pm in the Club Lounge of the Main Building of the World Conference Center in Bonn.

Thank you.