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**Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the  
Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility**

*The Conference of the Parties*

1. [Notes][Welcomes] the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session,<sup>1</sup> including the responses of the Global Environment Facility to previous guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties;
2. [Welcomes the achievement by the Global Environment Facility of its climate change target exceeding 1.85 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions reductions under the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility by June 2025, as reported at the 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of its Council;]
3. Welcomes the policy adjustments and streamlining of policy requirements proposed by the Global Environment Facility aimed at increasing the accessibility of its funding;
4. Welcomes recent developments related to the simplification of processes and programmes of the Global Environment Facility, as well as the ongoing efforts of the Facility in enhancing its strategic collaboration with the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Fund and the Climate Investment Funds aimed at enhancing coherence and complementarity of work and the developing countries' timely access to resources;
5. Welcomes the ongoing reform to expanding to three additional implementing agencies and encourages the expansion of the cohort of implementing agencies of the Global Environment Facility for regions with limited coverage with a view to enhancing access to Global Environment Facility resources in those regions;
6. Underscores the importance of the modalities and procedures of the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies being flexible and adaptable to the national contexts of developing country Parties for enabling activities in order to prevent funding gaps between reporting cycles, ensure timely approval of projects and ensure continuity of staff in national technical teams;
7. [Expresses concern regarding the decrease in the financial resources to be allocated to the climate focal area under the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility and] emphasizes that the ninth replenishment should continue to channel financial resources for climate action in developing countries;
8. Encourages [developed country Parties] [contributors] [all countries in a position to do so] to urgently make adequate pledges to the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility and to convert these pledges into contributions as soon as possible;
9. [Urges][Encourages] the Global Environment Facility to ensure that programming for the climate change focal area under its ninth replenishment remains country-driven and

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/CP/2025/8 and Add.1.

takes into account nationally determined needs and priorities through leadership and ownership by [recipient countries] [developing country Parties];

10. *[Notes with concern* the absence of a pledging session for the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund at this session of the Conference of the Parties, and *encourages* [developed country Parties] [contributors][all countries in a position to do so] to significantly scale up contributions to the Funds under the ninth replenishment of the Global Environmental Facility through multi-year and predictable pledges, with the aim of reaching USD 3 billion by 2030;]

11. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, in administering the Least Developed Countries Fund, to continue facilitating the smooth transition of countries graduating from least developed country status by continuing to provide funding through the Fund;<sup>2</sup>

12. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to continue ensuring that its efforts to enhance coherence and complementarity with other climate funds do not result in restricted access to resources by developing countries or reduced availability of finance for them;

13. *[Requests][Invites]* the Global Environment Facility to ensure full implementation of the streamlining measures approved by the Council of the Global Environmental Facility at its 69<sup>th</sup> meeting<sup>3</sup> and to report in its next annual report to the Conference of the Parties on the reduction in the time taken between project identification and endorsement by the Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment Facility;

14. *[Requests* the Global Environment Facility to further simplify and operationalize the preparation, review and approval processes with a view to enhancing predictability of, reducing delays in and providing more responsive support to developing country Parties, including [, as appropriate,] through a simplified grant application procedure;]

15. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility, in its consideration of partnerships, [and, where relevant, in the context of a whole-of-society approach, to consider] to prioritize partnering with national and regional institutions [as executing agencies] to build local capacity with a view to ensuring that projects are not only designed but also implemented and managed locally, thereby enhancing their effectiveness and country-ownership as well as ensuring geographical balance;

16. *Encourages* the participants the LDCF and SCCF Programming Strategy and Operational Improvements for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility period to adopt the Program-based Implementation Approach proposed as part thereof, targeted at achieving a set maximum of entities accredited to the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund across developing countries, and *requests* the GEF to implement the Approach upon its adoption during the period of the ninth replenishment;

17. *[Invites* the Global Environment Facility Council to explore options for systemically increasing the use of innovative instruments with a view to reducing the cost of capital for developing countries and increasing their access to it;]

18. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to [scale up] [continue providing] support for technology deployment and innovation in line with its mandate and countries' technology needs assessments;

19. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to ensure safeguards for the rights of Indigenous Peoples and to consider Indigenous Peoples' perspectives and diverse knowledge systems in its decision-making, in line with the Principles and Guidelines for Engagement with Indigenous Peoples<sup>4</sup>;

20. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to ensure the effective and meaningful integration of gender considerations into all GEF-funded programmes and *encourages* the

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<sup>2</sup> As per decision 4/CP.29, para. 14.

<sup>3</sup> Contained in Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.69/12.

<sup>4</sup> Contained in Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.42/Inf.03/Rev.1

Global Environment Facility, under its Gender Partnership, to continue its efforts to deliver strong results for gender equality;

21. *[Requests the Global Environment Facility to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision];*

22. *Takes note of decision -/CMA.6<sup>5</sup> and decides to transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 3-8 of that decision.*<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Draft decision entitled “Guidance to the Global Environment Facility from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement” proposed under agenda item 10(c) of the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement at its seventh session.

<sup>6</sup> In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 61.

## **Draft decision -/CMA.7**

### **Guidance to the Global Environment Facility from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement**

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*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement*

1. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance contained in paragraphs 3-8 below;
2. *Recalls* decision 1/CMA.6 and *requests* the Global Environment Facility to take into account, as appropriate, relevant paragraphs therein in its upcoming and future related work;
3. *[Requests* the Global Environment Facility to strengthen its collaboration and harmonization with the other operating entities of the Financial Mechanism in order to ensure coherence, complementarity and greater impact in the delivery of climate finance;]
4. *Further requests* the Global Environment Facility to support developing country Parties in their efforts towards achieving the global goal on adaptation, in accordance with its mandate, and to provide additional information on its efforts in this regard;
5. *[Requests][Encourages]* the Global Environment Facility to support developing country Parties in implementing the technology implementation programme[, particularly in relation to technologies for abating and removing greenhouse gas emissions];
6. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies to [prioritize and increase the provision of][continue providing] financial support for the preparation of biennial transparency reports and national communications by developing country Parties;
7. *Underscores* the importance of the evaluation by the Global Environment Facility of the adequacy and sufficiency of its support for ensuring the sustainability of, inter alia, the national technical teams, tools, data systems and workflows necessary for preparing biennial transparency reports by developing country Parties and *requests* the Global Environment Facility to maintain the [set-aside for] support for reporting and capacity-building, including for activities under the Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency;
8. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to [strengthen] its efforts in providing support to developing country Parties for them to build their capacity and enhance their institutional arrangements, as well as for training in relation to effectively implementing the enhanced transparency framework under the Paris Agreement.

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