

Submission by State of Palestine

18 May 2021

**Views and recommendations on elements to be considered in developing guidance
to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism**

Annotated inputs for the draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

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Policies						
Programme priorities						

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Eligibility criteria	<i>Policies relating to access</i>	Draft Decision: “The COP requests the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism (inc. Global Environment Facility) to ensure accessibility of all eligible country parties to available resources.”	<i>Commonly by the COP and the CMA</i>	<p>State of Palestine is working hard to fulfil its commitments to UNFCCC and PA. This includes reporting commitments in addition to implementing its climate relevant plans and strategies including NDC.</p> <p>GEF for years denied the legitimate right of State of Palestine (signatory to three Rio conventions) to access its resources for political reasons, this includes STAR allocation. The GEF report to COP never mentions Palestine in its report. It's indicates how GEF is supporting NAI parties in fulfilling their commitments. This longstanding position of GEF needs to be amended to ensure that Palestine can appropriately responds to climate change challenge which have severe</p>	<p>FCCC/CP/2020/1/Add.1</p> <p>Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties, Note by the secretariat Addendum</p>

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				implications on the sustainable development efforts and on its GDP.	
Others					

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- “Sub-elements”: Describe the specific area of the proposed input (e.g. Policies relating to access, gender, environment & social safeguards, etc.);
- “Proposed inputs”: Propose the inputs in draft decision text format;
- “To be considered by”: Choose whether the proposed inputs need to be considered: (1) Commonly by the COP and the CMA or; (2) specifically by the CMA;
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