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Report of the Standing Committee on Finance

Addendum

Compilation and synthesis of submissions on draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism by the co-facilitators of the Standing Committee on Finance

1. The Standing Committee on Finance (SCF), by the time of its 32nd meeting, received twelve submissions on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.¹
2. The SCF co-facilitators compiled the submissions and synthesized, where possible, the submissions with common substantive elements to assist Parties with the negotiations on the guidance. The co-facilitators' synthesis does not reflect agreement among SCF members. The SCF noted that during the United Nations Climate Change Conference in United Arab Emirates Parties may refer to the submissions as originally submitted and/or submit additional views.
3. The SCF also noted the information provided by the secretariats of the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism for consideration by Parties on why, in their perspective, it would not be feasible to implement some of the proposed guidance. This information is contained in the footnotes to annexes I and II.²

¹ From the following (in alphabetical order): a member of the SCF, Adaptation Committee, Arab Group, Chile, European Union, Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, Least Developed Countries Expert Group, Like-minded Developing Countries, Switzerland, Technology Executive Committee, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

² The contents of the annexes are reproduced as prepared by the co-facilitators.



Annex I

Co-facilitators’ compilation and synthesis of submissions on draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund

I. Compilation and synthesis of submissions on draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund by the Conference of the Parties

General welcoming

1. *[Takes note* of the report of the GCF to COP 28 and its addendum and *welcomes* the information on effective actions taken by the Board in response to guidance received from the COP while noting the room for improvement;
2. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts of the GCF to make a significant and ambitious contribution to global efforts towards attaining the goals set by the international community to combat climate change and adapting to its impacts and contributing to the achievement of the ultimate objective of the Convention, while taking into account the needs of developing countries;

GCF replenishment and updated strategic plan

3. *Welcomes* the timely adoption of the updated strategic plan of the GCF (2024–2027), which underscores the GCF’s critical importance as the world’s largest dedicated climate fund for providing support to developing countries to limit or reduce GHG emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change and urges the rapid implementation of the reforms outlined in the plan;
4. *Welcomes* the successful conclusion of the GCF-2 replenishment of XX USD;

Paragraphs 3–4 were prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Welcomes the ongoing second replenishment of the GCF;

Welcomes with appreciation the adoption of the Updated Strategic Plan 2024–2027 and the successful conclusion of the GCF-2 replenishment of XX USD;

Welcomes the adoption of the Updated Strategic Plan, underscoring the GCF’s critical importance as the world’s largest dedicated climate fund for providing support to developing countries to limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change;

Welcomes the Board’s timely adoption of the Strategic Plan for the 2024–2027 replenishment period;

Welcomes with appreciation the adoption of the Strategic Plan 2024–2027 and the successful conclusion of the GCF-2 replenishment of XX USD;

[Placeholder for welcoming the pledges]

5. *Welcomes* the Fund’s adopted Updated Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund for 2024–2027, in particular:
 - (a) The focus on providing support for the development, dissemination, and deployment of technology in line with its governing instrument and including Carbon Capture and Storage;
 - (b) The objectives of the fund as indicated in the plan and their alignment with the priorities indicated in the Convention;
 - (c) The focus on increasing the number of direct access entities;

6. *Strongly encourages* all Parties in a position to do so to provide ambitious contributions to the second replenishment, thereby increasing the Fund’s impact and ambition;
7. *Urges* the Board to pursue efforts to broaden its contributor base to high-income countries and major emitters;
8. *Further welcomes* the establishment of impact-focused programming priorities and targets results, and the strong focus on enhancing access to climate finance, increasing the share of financing delivered through direct access entities, increasing support for the countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and catalysing green finance from public and private sources at scale;
9. *Requests* the Board to ensure an ambitious, rapid and full-scale implementation of the Updated Strategic Plan in the 2024–2027 period, thereby exceeding the Fund’s portfolio-level mitigation and adaptation results compared to the GCF-1 period and, as a result, further increase the Fund’s impact and support for developing countries;
10. *Urges* the rapid implementation of the reforms outlined in the updated strategic plan;
11. *Expresses concern* that a number of developed Parties continue to have outstanding pledges made during the Initial Resource Mobilisation phase and *urges* those Parties to fulfil those pledges as a matter of urgency;

Commitment authority

12. *Expresses concern* about the lack of commitment authority in the Fund with regard to projects being deferred;
13. *Welcomes* the GCF’s plan for management of commitment authority during GCF-2 and *encourages* the Board to continue to make efforts to manage its commitment authority to support predictability and enhanced access to climate finance and the achievement of the GCF’s programmatic priorities and targets as set out the updated strategic plan for GCF-2;

Prioritizing funding proposals and recipients and maximizing impacts

14. *Requests* the Board to prioritize funding proposals with higher climate impact in terms of emission reductions and increased adaptation, with a view to strengthening the impact of the project and programming portfolio of the GCF;

Paragraph 14 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Calls on the Board to prioritize funding proposals with the highest climate impact per dollar invested in terms of emission reductions and increased adaptation, based on integrated results management framework core indicators, and with high potential for replication and scalability;

Encourages the Board, in light of urgency of ambitious climate action, to continue strengthening the impact of its project portfolio and, in this context, *urges* the Board to prioritize adopting high-quality funding proposals that add maximum impact;

Encourages the Board to prioritize the use of its resources and actively manage its pipeline with a view to achieving the impact-focused programming priorities and targeted results set out in the Strategic Plan (2024–2027);

15. *Calls* on the Board to maximise the co-benefits of its projects and programmes by better serving the most vulnerable communities in adaptation and mitigation, including in fragile and conflict-affected states and regions, through appropriate involvement of local stakeholders, and to improve conflict-sensitivity in project management;
16. *Welcomes* the Board’s active management of its pipeline and *encourages* the Board to develop metrics and indicators to maximize the impact of its funding for adaptation and mitigation;

17. *Invites* the Board to explore how the GCF can enhance its impact in and support for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, as well as conflict-affected and fragile states;

Policy gaps

18. *Welcomes* the Board’s continued work to help address outstanding policy gaps and *encourages* the Board to prioritize initiating a review of the policy suite with a view toward implementation and operationalization and to consider ways to better harmonize and cohere existing policies to help ensure more efficient and predictable application;

19. *Encourages* the Board to request the GCF Secretariat to draft project cycle performance indicators, including on access and impact, to build on the practice of the GEF Annual Monitoring Report, to be considered at the next Board meeting;

20. *Urges* the Board to ensure performance indicators referenced in paragraph 19 to also assess and report the quality of the results achieved;

21. *Urges* the Board to ensure performance indicators referenced in paragraph 19 to have maximum complementarity and coherence between the GCF and other climate funds;

Access

22. *Welcomes* GCF’s considerable progress on improving access, recognizing that project approval and disbursement processes have been accelerated significantly and the GCF’s reform efforts to further facilitate and simplify access, especially direct access, including through the launch of the Project Specific Assessment Approach and through defining improved access as the key operational priority in the Updated Strategic Plan;

23. *Requests* the Board to undertake a review of existing processes in view of further simplifying them and improving their efficiency, predictability and speed, building on the recommendations of the Second Performance Review;

24. *Encourages* the Board, building on progress made by the GCF, to further strengthen access, especially direct access, including by reducing bureaucratic burden in project and accreditation procedures, further enhancing coherence with other climate funds, expediting the deployment of the Project Specific Assessment Approach and the Simplified Approval Process, and enabling AEs to apply their own policies in (re-)accreditation processes, while maintaining best practice and substantial equivalence to GCF policies;

25. *Requests* the Board to pursue further efforts to further streamline and simplify access modalities, going beyond the simplified approval process, and to streamline project cycle procedures after accreditation;

26. *Requests* the Board, in line with its updated strategy for 2024–2027, to consider ways to expeditiously assist the LDCs in compiling the information required during the review of proposals for accessing funding from the GCF for the formulation and implementation of NAPs, particularly with regard to climate science and baseline information, with a view to expediting the approval of such proposals within a reasonable timeframe;

27. *Encourages* the Board to consider minimum allocation floors for the poorest and most vulnerable to help increase predictability of finance and mobilise broader finance flows through the provision of support;

28. *Requests* the Board to review its resource allocation system with the intention of improving it in line with its Governing Instrument and Board Decision B.05/05 and to consider the adoption of additional allocation parameters and guidelines including, inter alia, the setting of a minimum allocation floor per country for each replenishment period;¹

¹ Information provided by the GCF secretariat: As per the Governing Instrument, para. 52, and in line with USP-2, GCF will maintain allocation floor of 50% for adaptation for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including SIDS, LDCs and African States. There are no specific provisions in the Governing Instrument to establish per country minimum allocation floors.

Access - accreditation

29. *Welcomes* the GCF's ongoing efforts to streamline accreditation procedures, including through the accreditation strategy;

30. *Notes* that a number of strategic matters relating to accreditation have not been addressed in the accreditation strategy and require further Board consideration, in line with Decision B.34/19;

31. *Requests* the Board to address the strategic accreditation matters not covered by the accreditation strategy as soon as possible, in line with Decision B.34/19;

32. *Requests* the Board to complete its work on the outstanding accreditation strategy as soon as possible, with a view to adopting a more strategic and efficient approach to accreditation, taking into account priorities and needs of recipient countries;

Paragraph 32 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Urges the Board to complete its work on the accreditation strategy by addressing matters in annex IX of the updated strategic plan that require further Board consideration, including clear strategic guidance and prioritization, with a view to facilitate efficient accreditation procedures and taking into account recipient country priorities and needs;

Requests the Board to finalize the review and adoption of the outstanding accreditation strategy and accreditation framework matters as soon as possible with a view toward implementing the GCF's commitment to adopt a more strategic approach to accreditation;

33. *Expresses concern* regarding the lack of expeditious accreditation of direct access entities and *requests* the Board to continue its efforts to ensure direct access entities are prioritized and expeditiously accredited;

34. *Requests* the Board to continue to accredit direct access entities, especially national and regional entities and institutions, in line with the updated accreditation framework, accreditation strategy and its updated strategic plan, focusing on countries and regions with no or few accredited entities;

35. *Notes with concern* the substantial number of applications in the GCF accreditation pipeline and lengthy and bureaucratic process for re-accreditation and *urges* the Board review its Accreditation Framework and Accreditation Strategy to reflect the experience gained by the Fund especially in the area of reaccreditation, and consider the adoption of, inter alia, an amendment to the Accreditation Framework removing the requirement for reaccreditation and, consequently, to the Accreditation Strategy removing the prioritization of re-accreditation applications;

Country ownership

36. *Notes* the critical role of country-ownership in facilitating the GCF which is guided by the needs and priorities of developing countries and *encourages* the Board to consider measures to enhance and optimize the GCF's country ownership approach that reduce administrative burden, increase flexibility, and better serve the needs and priorities of developing countries;

37. *Requests* the Board in their support to the NDAs to consider activities to enhance national coordination and stakeholder engagement at the national levels;

Complementarity

38. *Requests* the Board to further enhance complementarity and coherence with the GEF and other climate finance providers, by harmonizing, where feasible and to the extent possible, its procedures and guidelines with those of other climate finance support providers, with a view to facilitate developing countries' access to climate finance, maximize the impact of its financing and reduce transaction costs for recipient countries;

Paragraph 38 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Requests the Board to enhance partnerships, coherence and complementarity with other climate finance providers, with a view to enhancing the impact and effectiveness of its work and decreasing transaction costs for recipient countries, by harmonizing, where feasible and to the extent possible, its procedures and guidelines with those of other climate finance support providers, in particular other climate funds, with a view to simplify access by developing countries;

Encourages the GCF to take meaningful steps to deepen its collaboration with the GEF and other providers of climate finance to increase the coherency and complementarity of the international climate finance architecture with a view to significantly reducing barriers to accessing climate finance and maximizing the impact of its financing;

39. *Requests* the Board, building on its Long-Term Vision on Complementarity, Coherence and Collaboration with the GEF, to assist developing country Parties in developing short-, medium- and long-term adaptation finance strategies with a view to enhancing country ownership, access to the full range of existing financing sources and instruments and the expeditious and effective implementation of adaptation priorities;

Enabling environments

40. *Requests* the Board to enhance its focus on improving policy and regulatory frameworks for climate and to mainstream work on enabling environments in readiness activities and funding proposals;

41. *Urges* the Board to further accelerate its efforts to de-risk private climate investments in developing countries, including by supporting developing countries to set up enabling environments for private investments in mitigation and adaptation projects;

Private sector

42. *Welcomes* the effort by the GCF and the important role it played to catalyse climate finance from the private sector into low-emission, climate-resilient investments in developing countries;

43. *Requests* the Board, in line with its private sector strategy, to further enhance engagement with the private sector, including local private sector actors, and its effort to mobilize private finance, and increase the share of funding allocated to the PSF by 30% compared to the GCF-1;²

Paragraphs 42–43 were prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Welcomes the efforts by the GCF on working with the private sector;

Welcomes the GCF’s important role in shifting and catalysing financial flows managed by the private sector into low-emission and climate-resilient investments in developing countries;

Requests the Board to increase the share of funding allocated through the Private Sector Facility compared to the GCF-1 period, with a view to increase the share of private sector funding in the GCF’s overall project portfolio;

Encourages the Board to further increase this engagement in line with its private sector strategy, including its mobilization efforts and enhanced engagement with the local private sector, by raising the allocation to the Private Sector Facility to 30% ;

44. *Urges* the Board to operationalize Private Sector Facility to fulfil its mandate to support activities to enable private sector involvement in SIDS and LDCs, in particular local

² Information provided by the GCF secretariat: USP-2 sets a goal in nominal terms to increase the ratio compared to GCF-1. Current value in GCF-1 is 35% in nominal terms through PSF.

actors, including small- and medium-sized enterprises and local financial intermediaries, and report annually on quantitative progress on fulfilling this mandate in its report to the COP;

45. *Encourages* the Board to intensify its collaboration with the local private sector, MSMEs and national and regional financial institutions from developing countries and to develop innovative ways to attract more private sector investments in adaptation projects;

46. *Welcomes* the Strategic Plan for 2024–2027 targeted results focused on increasing the share of GCF finance programmed through direct access entities and *encourages* the Board to align the implementation of its Private Sector Strategy and Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme with meeting this programming priority;

Financial instruments

47. *Encourages* the Board to further expand its financial instruments, including equity, guarantee, local currency finance, parametric insurance, to mobilize climate finance at scale from a variety of sources, including the private sector;

Paragraph 47 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Encourages the Board to deploy the full range of its financial instruments, including equity and guarantees, to mobilize climate financing at scale from other sources, including the private sector;

Encourages the Board to finalize proposals for how the GCF can further expand its financial instruments, including through the use of guarantees, local currency finance, and parametric insurance;

48. *Invites* the Board to continue taking strategic and calculated risk in its investment operations;

Programmatic approach

49. *Encourages* the Board to promote the use of programmatic approaches, including national, regional, global, and cross-sectoral programs and to continue to move toward a systems-focused financing model;

50. *Urges* the Board for the urgent adoption of a programmatic approach policy in a manner address the unique climate challenges, climate financing needs, and various high transaction costs associated with implementing climate actions faced by developing countries, especially SIDS;

51. *Requests* the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to establish a support programme to enable the LDCs to put in place programmatic approaches to implementing the policies, programmes and projects identified in the NAPs;

Adaptation

52. *Encourages* the Board to advance the implementation of transboundary and/or multi-country adaptation activities, including through the development and implementation of multi-country or regional adaptation plans, to enhance policy coherence and synergies, increase the efficient use of resources, and reduce trade-offs and the potential for maladaptation;

53. *Requests* the Board to provide technical assistance to the LDCs in identifying and securing appropriate accredited entities to assist the LDCs to develop and submit concept notes and project proposals for accessing funding from the GCF for implementing the policies, projects and programmes identified in their NAPs;

54. *Requests* the Board to consider ways to provide incentives for accredited entities to enhance their support to the LDCs;

55. *Requests* the Board to create modalities to expedite funding for the LDCs for the implementation of policies, projects, and programmes identified in their NAPs, and to

provide information on those modalities in its reports to the COP, in addition to the existing modalities through the GCF readiness support;

56. *Requests* the Board to continue to enhance support for the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans and to enable developing countries to take effective adaptation action;

57. *Requests* the Board to take into account the recently adopted Global Goal on Adaptation in decision XX/CMA.5 and to explore manners to enable its full and effective implementation;

Adaptation – balance with mitigation

58. *Welcomes* the progress of the GCF towards achieving a 50:50 balance between finance for mitigation and adaptation over time, calculated in grant equivalence;

Paragraph 58 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Welcomes that GCF continues to achieve a 50:50 balance between mitigation and adaptation investments over time, calculated in grant equivalence;

Welcomes progress towards maintaining a 50:50 balance between finance for adaptation and mitigation over time;

59. *Urges* the Board to achieve the balance between finance for adaptation and mitigation expeditiously;

60. *Urges* the Board to accelerate efforts to maintain the 50:50 balance between mitigation and adaptation in the overall portfolio as per its governing instrument;

61. *Encourages* the Board, with regard to its adaptation activities, to maintain a special focus on developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to adverse effects of climate change including LDCs, SIDS and African States;

Nature-based solutions

62. *Calls* on the Board to scale up its support to projects and programmes that address the climate – biodiversity nexus by exploiting synergies, for example, through the integration of nature-based solutions;

Financing for forests

63. *Requests* the Board to review the analysis of guidance and financing for joint mitigation and adaptation for the integral and sustainable management of forests as effectively being an alternative to results-based payments and *urges* the Board to take immediate action opening a specific window under the GCF for financing JMA exclusively based on previous criteria and provide a report on the implementation of this action at COP28;

Technology

64. *Welcomes* the information provided by the GCF on support for technology, including collaborative research and development and through projects and programmes, and the improved tracking of technology investments and reporting of technology-related activities, through the revised funding proposal template and manual;

65. *Looks forward* to continued updates by GCF to the COP on the progress of the analysis of its technology-related portfolio and this tracking approach, and on GCF's work with the Technology Mechanism to support developing countries;

66. *Requests* the Board to include in its annual report the stage of the technology cycle supported by its projects with a technology component and *invites* the Board to consult with the TEC on the specification of the stages of the technology cycle;

67. *Requests* the Board to strengthen efforts towards providing support to developing countries for technology development, dissemination and deployment in line with paragraph 35 of its Governing Instrument;

Technology – collaboration with CTCN and TEC

68. *Welcomes* the proposals of the GCF for enhancing collaboration between the Fund and the CTCN, including:

- (a) Collaboration on technology incubators and accelerators;
- (b) Assessing CTCN readiness portfolio;
- (c) Assessment of TNAs, including identification of TNA elements for potential bankable projects and complementarity and coherence for TNA support provision;
- (d) Fostering collaboration between NDEs under the Technology Mechanism and NDAs;
- (e) Exploring multi-country readiness approaches.

69. *Encourages* the Board to implement the proposals referred to in paragraph 68 (a)–(e), explore further areas of collaboration with the CTCN and report back to COP 29;

Paragraphs 68–69 were prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Welcomes the proposals of the GCF for enhancing collaboration between the GCF and the CTCN, including collaboration on technology incubators and accelerators, assessing the CTCN readiness portfolio, assessment of TNAs, including identification of TNA elements for potential bankable projects and of complementarity and coherence for TNA support provision, fostering collaboration between NDEs under the Technology Mechanism and NDAs, and exploring multi-country readiness approaches, including sectoral-focused approaches, and *encourages* the Board in collaboration with the CTCN to implement these proposals and report back in 2024;

Welcomes the recommendations made by the GCF to enhance collaboration between GCF and CTCN, including assessing the CTCN readiness portfolio, fostering collaboration between national designated entities under the Technology Mechanism and NDAs, and exploring a multi-country readiness approach, and *encourages* the Board to further explore such collaboration with the CTCN;

70. *Welcomes* the collaboration of the GCF with the TEC and CTCN and *encourages* the Board:³

- (a) To share knowledge on gender policies and outcomes;
- (b) To strengthen strategic coordination between NDEs and NDAs;
- (c) To strengthen integration of TAPs, developed through TNA processes, into the readiness programming;

71. *Welcomes* the support for technology through the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme but *notes with concern* barriers preventing the CTCN to properly capitalise on this programme;

72. *Urges* the Board, in consultation with the CTCN and its host, UNEP, to enhance cost-effective cooperation with CTCN and to take measures aimed at reducing transaction and administrative costs currently borne by the CTCN under the Readiness Programme;

73. *Welcomes* the inclusion of TNA and other technology elements in the GCF updated strategic plan for 2024–2027, *notes* possible synergies with the Technology Mechanism Joint

³ Information provided by the GCF secretariat: Sub-para (b): NDA is invited to engage with their national counterparts, including NDEs but this cooperation is a country driven process; Sub-para (c): Countries continue to be encouraged to apply TNAs and other processes to identify their to structuring their engagement. GCF's investment is a country-owned process and NDAs prioritize or formulate their pipelines for GCF funding.

Work Programme and *requests* the Board to consult with the TEC and the CTCN, and other relevant constituted bodies, when developing the action plan to implement the Strategic Plan on the overlapping work topic;

74. *Encourages* the Board to consult with the TEC and the CTCN regarding potential synergies between the joint Technology Mechanism work programme and the updated strategic plan for the GCF (2024–2027);

75. *Invites* the Board to consider the following recommendations of the TEC:

(a) Encouraging project implementers to pursue approaches that involve engagement of stakeholders in key steps of project design and implementation and help to strengthen national and local ownership of technology interventions;

(b) Assessing the role of transformative technologies in priority sectors and to engage strategically with TEC and CTCN on these, and measurement of their adoption to support the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement;

(c) Updating project design and reporting protocols in line with gender-transformative development, continue sharing best practices and building awareness among delivery partners of the positive contributions of gender mainstreaming and stakeholder engagement to accelerating technology development and transfer projects;

(d) Sharing experience on gender budgeting;

(e) Raising awareness of the financial and technical support available for gender integration in climate technology policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, including good practices for facilitating access to climate finance for grass-roots women’s organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities for technology projects;

76. *Encourages* the Board, in collaboration with the TEC and CTCN, to further enhance its reporting on how it has scaled up action on technology development and transfer, in particular the uptake of CTCN technical assistance and TNA results and *invites* the Board to report the amount of resources provided for the costs associated with the CTCN and the mobilisation of the services of the Network;

77. *Invites* the Board, in consultation with the TEC and CTCN, to enhance financial support for international technology cooperation by strengthening cooperative approaches and building suitable capacity in developing countries across all technological innovation system functions and, in particular, their national designated entities for technology development and transfer;

78. *Encourages* the Board to engage with TEC and CTCN to find and act on new opportunities for supporting and collaborating with the CTCN;

Loss and damage

79. [Placeholder for recommendation from the Transitional Committee];

80. *Encourages* the Board to continue efforts to provide financial resources and enhance its support for activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing countries consistent with the existing investment results framework and funding structures of the GCF;

81. *Recommends* that the Board take meaningful steps to enhance coherence and complementarity with the funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage, both under and outside the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement;

82. Given the current involvement of the GCF in the work of the Transitional Committee, the GCF may wish to consider how it can enhance its ongoing work to fund relevant activities to avert, minimise, and address loss and damage consistent with the existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures of GCF;

83. Consider having representatives of the GCF becoming more actively involved in the third Glasgow Dialogue (June 2024);

Gender

84. *Urges* the Board to improve the implementation of its Gender Policy in funding proposals, to strive to be gender transformative in its intervention and *requests* the Board to improve gender balance in the GCF Board membership and its committees, panels and groups;

85. *Recalls* the critical importance of the GCF’s Gender Policy and Gender Action Plan and *encourages* the Board to closely monitor the implementation of this action plan and *urges* the Board to enhance the Gender Action Plan’s ambition in its next version to be adopted for the 2024–27 programming period;

Just Transitions

86. *Welcomes* the reference to just transitions in the updated strategic plan for 2024–2027 and *requests* the Board to support just transitions of developing countries and provide greater and faster access to climate finance and address enablers of just transitions, as defined by relevant decisions by Parties;

Working modality of the Board and the GCF secretariat

87. *Requests* the Board to further improve on its governance efficiency, inclusiveness, effectiveness and its collegial spirit and to support trust-building among its members to further advance a one-board approach across its members, with a view to expediting its decision-making and facilitating work across constituencies;

Paragraph 87 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Encourages the Board to improve its governance efficiency, effectiveness and collegial spirit, and to support trust-building among Board members;

Encourages the Board to further advance a joint approach across its Board (“One Board” approach) to improve the efficiency, inclusiveness and effectiveness of its decision-making, with a view to facilitate work across constituencies;

Requests the Board to continue to take additional action to improve and speed up its decision-making;

88. *Recalls* decision 16/CP.27, paragraph 4, and *notes with deep concern* that unofficial and non-transparent practices within the Board that are inconsistent with approved policies and procedures have occurred in the past and *requests* the Board to adhere to the guidance provided in 16/CP.27, paragraph 4;

89. *Welcomes* the selection of Mafalda Duarte as new Executive Director of the GCF and *encourage* the Board to request the Executive Director to further strengthen the Fund’s governance and the Fund’s attractiveness as an employer;

90. *Invites* the GCF to further increase the efficiency, transparency and predictability of GCF-internal decision-making procedures, including through stronger delegated authority for the secretariat, to improve the overall governance of the Fund;

91. *Urges* the Board, within their existing and respective mandates, to review and reform relevant policies and processes of the Fund in line with its Governing Instrument, including with the operationalization of affirmative action policies, focused on improving the GCF secretariat’s geographical balance and work culture as a means of better understanding the context and circumstances of developing countries, especially for SIDS and LDCs;

92. *Requests* the Board to refrain from casting judgements on any Party to the Convention and to maintain political neutrality in the entirety of its operations including in the development, review and approval of funding and accreditation proposals noting that doing so will be inconsistent with the multilateral spirit of the Fund and the principles and provisions of the Convention;

Privileges and immunities

93. *Invites* the Board to continue efforts to enjoy bilateral privileges and immunities as are necessary, including as outlined in the Strategic Plan;

Regional presence and support

94. *Requests* the Board to expedite its ongoing consideration on establishing regional presence of the GCF, emphasizing the value of enhancing the GCF's proximity to its strategic partners, including the countries, communities and accredited entities it serves, while ensuring full consideration of costs and organizational efficiency;

95. *Welcomes* the Board's exploration of a GCF regional presence and *urges* the Board to explore how a regional presence could be used to enhance access to climate finance, particularly for those countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change;

96. *Requests* the Board to consider ways to better serve different regions, including by taking into account regional diversity in its hiring processes and operating using the official UN languages;

97. *Urges* the GCF to provide support in a geographically balanced manner, taking into consideration the national circumstances, needs and priorities of beneficiaries;

98. *Urges* the Board to conclude its consideration of the GCF regional presence study outcomes and *recommends* the Board to approve a decision on establishing a GCF regional presence using a model of regional offices with decentralized programming and liaison related decision making and urgently operationalize this regional presence;

Others

99. *Encourages* the Board to provide further transparency and information regarding projects under implementation;

100. *Recalls* decision 16/CP.27, paragraph 8, and *requests* the Board to effectively distinguish between funding for mitigation, adaptation and cross-cutting projects;

101. *Requests* the Board to continue to address the needs of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, in line with its Governing Instrument and as provided for in the Convention in Article 4, paragraph 8;

102. *Requests* the GCF to continue to operate in line with its Governing Instrument and ensure consistency with the provisions and principles of the Convention;

103. *Reaffirms* the GCF's role in channelling financial support to developing country Parties to enable their contribution to the achievement of the ultimate objective of the Convention and the goals of the Paris Agreement and *underscores* that placing any conditionalities on support that are inconsistent with the principles and provisions of the Convention and its Paris Agreement is inconsistent with the purpose of the GCF;]

II. Compilation and synthesis of submissions on draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement

1.5°C/Systemic responses

1. *Encourages* the Board to continue promoting the paradigm-shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development in developing countries and, in this context, be guided by the goals of the Paris Agreement, thereby contributing to reducing global greenhouse gas emissions by 43 per cent by 2030 relative to the 2019 level and keeping the 1.5°C limit within reach, and *urges* the Board to support developing countries in system transitions across sectors, noting the need to shift from incremental to systemic responses to climate change;

2. *Urges* the Board, through the implementation of the Updated Strategic Plan, to continue accelerating climate-resilient development in developing countries and to contribute to reducing global greenhouse gas emissions by 43 per cent by 2030 relative to the 2019 level, thereby keeping the 1.5°C limit within reach;

3. *Reiterates* the request to the GCF to maintain the balance in the allocation of resources between adaptation and mitigation in grant equivalent terms, and calls on the GCF to increase its efforts for supporting the decarbonization of carbon intensive sector, consistent with limiting the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels;

Article 2.1c of the Paris Agreement

4. *Requests* the Board increase its support to developing countries with regard to the goal of the Paris Agreement to make finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low GHG emissions and climate-resilient development, thereby supporting accredited entities to green their portfolios and also supporting developing countries to, inter alia, green their financial systems, expand their access to green finance, help their local, regional and national financial institutions (public and private) to align their operations with the goals of the Paris Agreement, including by mainstreaming climate considerations into investment operations;

Paragraph 4 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Requests the Board to enhance its contribution to Article 2.1(c) of the Paris Agreement and greening financial systems and to continue supporting local financial institutions and accredited entities in greening their portfolio;

Requests the Board to increase its support to developing countries with regard to the goal of the Paris Agreement to make finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development, thereby supporting developing countries to, inter alia, set up green financial systems, expand their access to green finance, and help national and regional financial institutions, public and private, from developing countries to align their operations with the goals of the Paris Agreement, including by mainstreaming climate considerations into investment operations;

5. *Welcomes* the focus of Strategic Plan for 2024–2027 on promoting innovation and catalysing green finance and *encourages* the GCF to catalyse climate finance from a wider variety of sources and increase the share of funding allocated through the Private Sector Facility relative to GCF-1.]

Annex II

Co-facilitators' compilation and synthesis of submissions on draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility

I. Compilation and synthesis of submissions on draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility by the Conference of the Parties

Preambular

1. *[Recalling* decision 6/CP.8 that reaffirms that capacity-building for developing countries is essential to enable them to participate fully in, and to implement effectively their commitments under, the Convention;
2. *Recalls* decision 5/CP.7, paragraphs 22–26 and *reaffirms* paragraph 19 of decision 5/CP.7;
3. *Requests* the GEF to provide an update on the requests referenced in paragraph 2 of this decision;

Welcoming

4. *Welcomes* the work undertaken by the GEF during its reporting period (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023), including:
 - (a) Approval of work programmes during the reporting period, especially the work programme approved at the 64th GEF Council meeting, which is the most ambitious work programme to date, amounting to USD 1.4 billion in financing across 45 projects and programs, which includes USD 226.3 million across 23 projects and programs focused on climate change mitigation;
 - (b) Approval of 34 climate change projects and programmes during the reporting period under the GEF Trust Fund, the LDCF and SCCF;
 - (c) Continued integration of climate change priority into its other focal areas and integrated programmes and the expected avoidance or sequestration of 1,007.4 Mt CO₂ equivalent achieved through such integration;
 - (d) Continued implementation of the Long-Term Vision on Complementarity, Coherence, and Collaboration with the Green Climate Fund, including through joint programs, outreach, and information sharing;

Paragraph 4 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Welcomes the approval by the GEF Council of several ambitious work programs, especially the 2023 work program, which is the most ambitious work program to date;

Welcomes the historically large work program approved at the 64th Council meeting of the GEF, which totals USD 1.4 billion in financing across 45 projects and programs, including USD 226.3 million across 23 projects and programs focused on climate change mitigation;

Welcomes the work undertaken by the GEF during its reporting period (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023), including:

- (a) Approval of 34 climate change projects and programmes during the reporting period under the GEF Trust Fund, the LDCF and SCCF;
- (b) Continued integration of climate change priority into its other focal areas and integrated programmes and the expected avoidance or sequestration of 1,007.4 Mt CO₂ equivalent achieved through such integration;

Continued implementation of the Long-Term Vision on Complementarity, Coherence, and Collaboration with the Green Climate Fund, including through joint programs, outreach, and information sharing;

5. *Welcomes* the successful start of the implementation of GEF-8, including the 11 integrated programs;
6. *Welcomes* the GEF's support for 207 Biennial Update Reports (BURs) in 132 countries, 535 National Communications (NCs) in 152 countries;
7. *Recalls* the welcoming of the successful replenishment of GEF-8, with a total allocation of USD 5.33 billion provided by 29 governments, which represents a substantial increase, higher than 30%, and establishes a record pledge, compared to GEF-7;

Climate change focal area and co-benefits with other focal areas

8. *Welcomes* that the GEF, in its programming directions for GEF-8, promotes and pursues an integrated vision through various integrated programmes focusing on climate change and co-benefits and that 83 percent of GEF-8 investments as of June 2023 were focused on climate change or had climate change-related co-benefits;
9. *Encourages* the GEF to prioritize projects and programs that deliver co-benefits relating to climate change, biodiversity, environment preservation and ocean conservation, with a view to maximize global environmental benefits, while maintaining manageable programming complexity and ensuring accountability of the selected lead agencies;

Paragraphs 8–9 were prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Welcomes that 83 percent of GEF-8 investments as of June 2023 were focused on climate change or had climate change-related co-benefits;

Welcomes that the GEF, in its programming directions for GEF-8, promotes and pursues an integrated vision through various integrated programmes and a coherent approach between focal areas;

Encourages the GEF to prioritize projects and programs that deliver climate change and biodiversity co-benefits;

Requests the GEF to maximize global environmental benefits, while maintaining manageable programming complexity and ensuring accountability of the selected lead agencies;

Encourages the GEF to support projects in the area of climate change that also provide co-benefits in the areas of environment preservation, biodiversity and ocean conservation;

10. *Welcomes* the creation of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and its ratification by the GEF Assembly in August 2023, underlines the crosscutting nature of the GBFF and *welcomes* its co-benefits for climate;
11. *Recalls* that the GEF-8 set a 36 percent floor for programming in LDCs and SIDS and *urges* the GEF to prioritize climate change projects in LDCs and SIDS and to surpass this floor;

Support for reporting obligation

12. *Requests* the GEF to address the needs and challenges of developing countries in implementing the reporting requirements as per the Convention and its Paris Agreement in line with its Governing Instrument and as provided for in Article 4, paragraph 8 of the Convention;

13. *Requests* the GEF to consider ways to better serve different regions, including by taking into account the developing countries' needs and challenges faced in implementing the transparency requirements under both the Convention and its Paris Agreement;

14. *Requests* the GEF to continue to enhance support for the formulation and implementation of national communications and to enable developing countries to strengthen national reporting; as per paragraph 1 of decision 6/CP.8;

Small grants programme

15. *Encourages* the GEF to work to make the small grants program accessible to local organizations;

GEF Adaptation Strategy

16. *Commends* the LDCF and SCCF for their continued, renewed respectively support to developing countries and in particular LDCs and SIDS for addressing the negative impacts of climate change;

17. *Encourages* the GEF, in the context of its adaptation strategy, to advance the implementation of transboundary and/or multi-country adaptation activities, including through the development and implementation of multi-country or regional adaptation plans, to enhance policy coherence and synergies, increase the efficient use of resources, and reduce trade-offs and the potential for maladaptation;

18. *Requests* the GEF, in administering the LDCF, to establish a support programme to enable the LDCs to put in place programmatic approaches to implement policies, programmes and projects identified in their NAPs;

Nature-based solutions

19. *Encourages* the GEF to pioneer nature-based solutions programming that delivers climate impacts;

Technology

20. *Encourages* the GEF to empower women, youth and indigenous peoples to participate in the GEF Assembly, GEF national dialogues and in the programming of GEF resources for technology development and transfer, including for technology needs assessments;

21. *Invites* the GEF to encourage its project implementers to pursue approaches that ensure the engagement of youth and indigenous peoples in key steps of project design and implementation as well as to share good practices of how such engagements have accelerated technology development and transfer;

22. *Welcomes* the continued support of the GEF to the TNA projects and the collaboration with CTCN in the Steering Committee for Phase IV of the Global TNA project, also *welcomes* the information provided by the GEF about the TNA Phase IV projects capacity building and outreach activities and *looks forward* to updated information on this in the future reports;

23. *Encourages* the GEF to further enhance its reporting on whether and how Parties have used their STAR allocation for the development and revision of TNAs and action plans and their implementation;

24. *Requests* the GEF to include in its annual report to the COP/CMA the stage of the technology cycle supported by its projects with a technology component and *invites* the GEF to consult with the TEC on the specification of the stages of the technology cycle;

25. *Welcomes* efforts of the GEF during its 8th replenishment to prioritize partnership with the private sector in promoting technology deployment and transfer and *requests* to provide more information in its future reports on the partnerships that have been established with the private sector for technology deployment and transfer;

Technology – collaboration with CTCN and TEC

26. *Recalls* decision 2/CP.17 para. 139, decision 14/CP.18, decision 12/CP.24 and decision 13/CP.25 and *invites* the GEF to engage with TEC and CTCN to find and act on new opportunities for supporting and collaborating with the CTCN;

Paragraph 26 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Recalls decision 2/CP.17 para. 139 and decision 14/CP.18 and *invites* the GEF to engage with TEC and CTCN to find and act on new opportunities for supporting and collaborating with the CTCN;

Recalls decision 2/CP.17 para. 139, decision 12/CP.24 and decision 13/CP.25 and *invites* the GEF to engage with TEC and CTCN to find and act on new opportunities for supporting and collaborating with the CTCN;

Encourages the GEF to engage with TEC and CTCN to find and act on new opportunities for supporting and collaborating with the CTCN;

27. *Encourages* the GEF to consult with the TEC and the CTCN regarding potential synergies between the new joint Technology Mechanism work programme and the implementation of the programming direction under the GEF-8 and *invites/requests* the GEF to consider both bodies and other relevant constituted bodies in the consultations for the Programming directions under the GEF-9;¹

Paragraph 27 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Encourages the GEF to consult with the TEC and the CTCN regarding potential synergies between the new joint Technology Mechanism work programme and the implementation of the programming direction under the GEF-8 and *invites* the GEF to consider both bodies in the consultations for the Programming directions under the GEF-9;

Encourages the GEF to consult with the TEC and the CTCN regarding potential synergies between the new joint Technology Mechanism work programme and the implementation of the programming direction under the GEF-8 and *requests* the GEF to include the TEC and the CTCN, and other relevant constituted bodies, in the consultations for the Programming directions under the GEF-9;

28. *Invites* the GEF, in consultation with the TEC and CTCN, to promote innovation, technology development and transfer by creating enabling conditions and policies that build suitable capacity in developing countries across all technological innovation system functions and, in particular, their national designated entities for technology development and transfer;

29. *Encourages* the GEF, in collaboration with the TEC and CTCN, to further enhance its reporting on how it has scaled up action on technology development and transfer, in particular the uptake of CTCN technical assistance and TNA results and *invites* the GEF to report the amount of resources provided for the costs associated with the Climate Technology Centre and the mobilisation of the services of the Network;²

30. *Notes with concern* that the response of the GEF to decision 17/CP.27 paragraphs 15 and 16 present a business as usual scenario and does not sufficiently address the guidance provided and *reiterates* the request to further explore ways to provide support to developing country Parties for assessing their needs and priorities in a country driven manner, including technology and capacity-building needs, and for translating climate finance needs into action;

¹ Information provided by the GEF secretariat: Participation in GEF replenishment negotiations is among the contributing participants and representatives of recipients. Observers include the Convention secretariats and other climate funds, as per the planning note for the replenishment prepared and discussed. Discussion on the programme directions, which take place as part of the replenishment negotiations, reflects inputs from countries and the Convention secretariats.

² Information provided by the GEF secretariat: Financial information submitted to the GEF at the time of the concept approval and CEO endorsement is based on categories of proposed expenditures, and it is not feasible to identify specific entities that may engage in parts of projects. If the engagement of CTC-affiliated entities is decided during project implementation (for example, through call for proposals, contracting, etc.), it will not be feasible for the GEF to get such information on individual projects to report back to the COP.

and to further enhance the support provided by the GEF for activities related to technology training, funding for technology development and transfer and capacity-building;

Loss and damage

- 31. [Placeholder for recommendation from the Transitional Committee]
- 32. Given the current involvement of the GEF in the work of the Transitional Committee, the GEF may wish to consider how it can enhance its ongoing work to fund relevant activities to avert, minimise, and address loss and damage consistent with its current mandates;
- 33. Consider having representatives of the GEF becoming more actively involved in the third Glasgow Dialogue (June 2024);

Simplifying project cycles

- 34. *Request* the GEF to consider further ways to simplify the project cycle based on the experience, in the context of the newly established Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;
- 35. *Encourages* the GEF to circulate intersessional work programs for Council review and approval to allow for quicker review of projects;
- 36. *Encourages* the GEF to recommend further streamlining measures aimed at reducing transaction costs for all agencies, with the aim of reducing administrative costs and processing times;
- 37. *Encourages* the GEF to continue its efforts to further streamline, consolidate, and increase efficiency of GEF operations, including simplification of information requirements for designing and implementing GEF-financed projects and programs;

GEF Agencies – governance and standards

- 38. *Takes note* of the ongoing efforts of the GEF to improve the governance framework for its agencies and the standards to which implementing partners are accountable and *calls* on the GEF to continue improving the framework and the standards;

Paragraph 38 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Takes note of the ongoing efforts of the GEF to improve the governance framework for its agencies and the standards to which implementing partners are accountable and *encourages* the GEF to continue to improve the governance framework;

Calls on the GEF to continue improving its governance framework related to partner agencies and the standards its implementing agencies are held accountable to;

GEF Agencies - diversification

- 39. *Welcomes* the actions undertaken by the GEF following cases of mismanagement of GEF funding in projects managed by one of its implementing agencies;
- 40. *Calls* on the GEF to assess and limit the risks induced by the current level of funding concentration on some of its agencies;
- 41. *Encourages* the GEF to continue its efforts to ensure that all GEF agencies are engaged in GEF programming and continue to track and report on agency concentration;
- 42. *Requests* the GEF to continue to foster greater diversity between implementing agencies, building on the comparative advantages of the various agencies, taking into account needs and priorities of recipient country priorities, such as LDCs and SIDS;

Paragraph 42 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Calls on the GEF to ensure that recipient countries have appropriate access to the GEF resources through its diverse network of implementing agencies and that special attention is given to those most in need, such as LDCs and SIDS;

Requests the GEF to continue to foster greater diversity between implementing agencies, building on the comparative advantages of the various agencies and taking into account recipient country priorities;

43. *Request* the GEF to open a new round of implementing agency expansion within the GEF Partnership focusing on national and regional entities particularly for entities from SIDS;

44. *Urges* the GEF to meet or exceed the GEF-8 target of programming at least 10 percent of resources through the regional multilateral development banks and IFAD;

45. *Encourages* the GEF to continue to show appropriate flexibility with respect to geographic restrictions in implementing agencies, such as was done with DBSA, to reduce agency concentration and enable wider geographic reach of GEF projects;

Coherence and complementarity

46. *Requests* the GEF to enhance collaboration, coordination, coherence and complementarity with GCF and other climate finance support providers, by harmonizing, where feasible and to the extent possible, its procedures and guidelines including safeguard policies with those of other climate finance support providers, with a view to:

- (a) Better coordinate operations (including through coordinating accreditation applications), procedures, and results metrics;
- (b) Create opportunities for joint programming;
- (c) Enhance the impact and effectiveness of the GEF's work;
- (d) Decrease transaction costs for recipient countries;
- (e) Simplify access by developing countries.

Paragraph 46 was prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Requests the GEF to enhance coherence and complementarity with other climate finance support providers, with a view to enhancing the impact and effectiveness of its work and decreasing transaction costs for recipient countries, by harmonizing, where feasible and to the extent possible, its procedures and guidelines including safeguard policies with those of other climate finance support providers, in particular other climate funds, with a view to simplify access by developing countries;

Urges the GEF to enhance collaboration, coordination and coherence within the Financial Mechanism and with climate finance providers outside the Financial Mechanism by working with the GCF and other providers of climate finance to better coordinate operations, including through coordinating accreditation applications, procedures, and results metrics and to create opportunities for joint programming;

47. *Requests* the GEF, in administering LDCF and SCCF and building on its Long-Term Vision on Complementarity, Coherence and Collaboration with the GCF, to assist developing country Parties in developing short-, medium- and long-term adaptation finance strategies with a view to enhancing country ownership, access to the full range of existing financing sources and instruments and the expeditious and effective implementation of adaptation priorities;

48. *Encourages* the GEF to work with the GCF, the Adaptation Fund and other climate funds to simplify the process for joint programming;

Private sector

49. *Welcomes* the adoption of the Private Sector Engagement Strategy at the 59th Council meeting of the GEF and *encourage* the GEF to reinforce its efforts to mobilize and engage with the private sector during GEF-8;

Financial instruments

50. *Requests* the GEF to further exploit risk taking and to foster innovation in the context of its programming in order to use its concessional financing more effectively and mobilize additional private funds;

Gender

51. *Requests* the GEF to update its policy on gender equality to include protections for sexual orientation and gender identity;

52. *Welcomes* the Policy on Gender Equality adopted by the GEF Council and *underlines* its aim to ensure equal opportunities for women and men to participate in, contribute to and benefit from GEF-financed activities to achieve global environment benefits;

53. *Encourages* the GEF to ensure all its implementing partners fully comply with this policy in the implementation of GEF-supported projects for climate action;

Co-financing

54. *Encourages* the GEF to prioritize projects and programs that mobilize significant levels of co-financing, as appropriate, and *highlights* that co-finance targets are portfolio-wide;

Monitoring

55. *Encourages* the GEF to monitor GEF investments:

(a) Directly and indirectly related to climate change to amount to a minimum of 80 percent of all GEF funding commitments during the GEF-8 period;

(b) Directly and indirectly related to climate change adaptation to amount to a minimum of 45 percent of all GEF funding commitments during the GEF-8 period;

(c) Directly and indirectly related to climate change mitigation to amount to a minimum of 65 percent of all GEF funding commitments during the GEF-8 period.

56. *Recalls* that the GEF-8 programming directions calls for delivering climate change mitigation and climate co-benefits in all 11 integrated programs of the GEF and *encourages* the GEF to track and regularly report to the COP the climate-related benefits of the integrated programs;

Others

57. *Stresses* the importance of coherence and integration at the national and regional levels between the different planning processes, such as TNAs, NDCs, LEDS, NAMA and NAPs, which are relevant to climate technologies, *welcomes* efforts by the GEF on enhancing coherence and integration between the different planning processes at the national and regional levels and *encourages* the GEF to continue such efforts;]

II. Compilation and synthesis of submissions on draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement

Preambular

1. *[Recalling* Article 13 of the Paris Agreement that support shall be provided to developing countries in implementing the ETF;

2. *Recalling* Article 13 of the Paris Agreement that requires transparency related capacity-building for developing countries to be provided on a continuous basis to enable them to effectively implement the enhanced transparency framework;

Enhanced transparency framework

3. *Welcomes* the GEF's support for the preparation of the BTRs, the combined application process for multiple BTRs, and the expedited process for projects related to preparing BTRs;

4. *Underlines* the importance of providing adequate and predictable support to developing countries for the preparation of BTRs;

Paragraphs 3–4 were prepared by merging the common elements from the following submissions:

Welcomes the support for the ETF provided by the GEF;

Welcomes the GEF's support for 87 BTRs in 69 countries;

Welcomes the GEF's continued efforts to provide financing for the BTRs, including the increased support for BTRs and national GHG inventory reports, the combined application process for multiple BTRs, and the expedited process for projects related to preparing BTRs, noting the importance of the adequacy and predictability of such financing;

Welcomes the actions taken by the GEF to ensure that support is and will continue to be available for the preparation of BTRs and *underlines* the importance of providing support to developing countries for the preparation of BTRs as part of the ETF;

5. *Invites* the GEF to explore how the support to developing countries for the development of BTRs could lead to increased internal capacity building in developing countries' governments;

6. *Requests* the GEF to consider consolidation of funding for enabling activities that assess relevant needs into it;

7. *Notes with concern* that 52 countries are eligible but have not applied for GEF funding for their first BTR, which is due at the latest by 31 December 2024, and *encourages* the GEF to continue to make financing available for BTRs in an efficient manner;

8. *Requests* the GEF to consider ways to better serve different regions, including by taking into account the developing countries' needs and challenges faced in implementing the transparency requirements under both the Convention and its Paris Agreement;

9. *Requests* the GEF to address the needs and challenges of developing countries in fulfilling the reporting requirements as per the Convention and its Paris Agreement, in line with its Governing Instrument and as provided for in Article 9 of the Paris Agreement;

Capacity-building and CBIT

10. *Welcomes* the GEF's support to 87 countries through 89 projects provided through the CBIT to build country capacity to implement the enhanced transparency framework;

11. *Encourages* the GEF to use the CBIT to continue to build country capacity to establish and enhance national reporting systems in order to implement the enhanced transparency framework;

12. *Requests* the GEF to strengthen efforts towards providing support to developing countries for building capacity, institutional arrangements and trainings to effectively implement the enhanced transparency framework;

Trustee

13. *Welcomes* the adoption of the Sustainable Bond Strategy by the GEF and *looks forward* to additional steps to ensure that the asset management by the trustee is aligned with

the goals set in the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda and the Global Biodiversity Framework;

Adaptation

14. *Requests* the GEF, in the context of its adaptation strategy, to take into account the recently adopted Global Goal on Adaptation in decision XX/CMA.5 and to explore manners to enable its full and effective implementation.]
