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## AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURES

1. At its first meeting, the Assembly adopted the *Rules of Procedure for the GEF Assembly*. Paragraph 5 of the rules provides for representatives of Implementing Agencies, the Trustee, STAP, Conventions, NGOs and others to be invited to the Assembly.
2. Since the first Assembly, a number of organizations have strengthened their collaboration with the GEF, particularly the executing agencies operating under expanded opportunities. In view of this, the Council recommended at its meeting in May 2002 that paragraph 5 of the *Rules of Procedure for the GEF Assembly* be amended to reflect these changes as well as to provide flexibility to the CEO to invite other representatives to the Assembly with the agreement of the Council.
3. Specifically, it is recommended that rule 5 of the rules of procedure be revised to read:
  - “5. Representatives of the following shall be invited to the Assembly meetings:
    - (a) Implementing Agencies,
    - (b) Executing Agencies operating under expanded opportunities,
    - (c) Trustee,
    - (d) STAP,
    - (e) Convention on Biological Diversity,
    - (f) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,
    - (g) Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,
    - (h) United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,
    - (i) Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and its Multilateral Fund,
    - (j) United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development,
    - (k) United Nations Specialized Agencies that have participated in GEF projects,
    - (l) Other funding organizations, including bilateral development agencies, that have participated in GEF projects, and
    - (m) Accredited NGOs, including representatives of major groups as described in Section III of Agenda 21.

The CEO may, in consultation with the Council, invite representatives of other organizations and entities to observe the Assembly meetings.”

4. The Assembly is invited to approve the revised text of rule 5 of its rules of procedure.