



Global Environment Facility

Summary of Document GEF/C.25/6

Work Program Submitted for Council Approval And Project Re-submitted for Council Review Prior to CEO Endorsement

Recommended Council Decision

The Council reviewed the proposed work program submitted to Council in document GEF/C.25/6, and approves it subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted to the Secretariat by June 22, 2005.

The Council finds that [, with the exception of _____], each project presented to it as part of the work program is or would be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures and may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the Implementing or Executing Agency, provided that the CEO circulates to the Council Members, prior to endorsement, draft final project documents fully incorporating the Council's comments on the work program accompanied by a satisfactory explanation by the CEO of how such comments and comments of the STAP reviewer have been addressed and a confirmation by the CEO that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

[With respect to _____, the Council requests the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO endorsing a project document for final approval by the Implementing or Executing Agency. Such projects may be reviewed at a further Council meeting at the request of at least four Council Members.]

With respect to *Global: Development of National Biosafety Frameworks Project (10 additional countries) –Add On* (UNEP), a project document that was submitted to the Council for review prior to CEO endorsement, the Council [agrees that the project be endorsed by the CEO][requests the CEO to work with the Implementing Agency to take into account the Council's comments in revising the project document and to recirculate the project document to the Council for review prior to CEO endorsement].

Executive Summary

1. The CEO proposes to the Council the approval of this work program containing 19 full-sized project (FSP) proposals requesting a total GEF allocation of \$183.57 million. The work program includes one project that was submitted as part of the February 2005 work program and is being re-submitted in this work program at the request of one Council Member.
2. Total co-financing amounts to \$620.33 million which, when added to the total GEF allocation gives a total project cost value of \$803.90 million.
3. The Turkmenistan: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Globally Significant Biological Diversity in Khazar Nature Reserve on the Caspian Sea Coast (UNDP) project that was initially submitted for Council review in the February 2005 intersessional work program is now being re-submitted as part of the June 2005 Work Program for Council review at the request of one Council Member who raised concerns regarding the governance environment in which this project is proposed to operate.
4. Outside the proposed work program, one project is re-submitted for Council review prior to CEO Endorsement. The Global: Development of National Biosafety Frameworks Project (10 additional countries) –Add On (UNEP) project was approved by the Council for entry into the work program at the November 2004 meeting, with the request that it be re-circulated for Council review prior to endorsement by the CEO. The final project document was distributed to the Council on March 30, 2005, for comments prior to CEO endorsement. Four Council Members requested that the project be re-submitted to the Council meeting prior to CEO endorsement. It was suggested that additional funding for the project should not go forward until the on-going evaluation of the biosafety portfolio is completed by the end of the year.