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1. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.22/11, *Performance-Based Framework for Allocation of GEF Resources*, expresses its appreciation for the work carried out by the Technical Working Group to prepare the paper, which is a good step towards improving the performance of the system. The Council agrees that the Secretariat should work to develop a GEF-wide system based on global environmental priorities and country-level performance relevant to those priorities. In this regard, the Council requests the Secretariat to present to the May 2004 Council meeting a study of options to strengthen the current system of allocating GEF resources with a view to coming to a conclusion in November 2004. The system should be consistent with the GEF Instrument, the environmental conventions for which the GEF is a financial mechanism, the Policy Recommendations of the Third Replenishment, Council decisions at the October 2002 meeting, and the Beijing Assembly Declaration.

2. In developing these options, the Secretariat shall consult with the Implementing and Executing Agencies, and member countries, and should consider the principles of simplicity, transparency, pragmatism, cost-effectiveness, comprehensiveness, country-drivenness, and equal opportunity for all recipient countries to have access to GEF resources. The Secretariat should include in the next document estimates of cost associated with each option.

3. The Council approves an addition to the GEF Secretariat Corporate budget of $360,000 for expenses to be incurred over FY04. These resources will be used to finance consultants and to commission external studies. The Council requests the Secretariat to make provision for developing and maintaining the performance-based system in future budget requests, as necessary.