

**Endorsement of draft final project documents  
(revisions to paragraph 13 of document GEF/C.31/7)**

Paragraph 13 should be revised to read as follows:

Within ten business days of receiving a draft final project document for endorsement, the Secretariat will review the proposal and the CEO will determine whether the proposal is in compliance with the conditions for endorsement. As soon as the CEO has determined that the project proposal meets the conditions for endorsement, the Secretariat will circulate to Council Members the draft final project document. Within four weeks of receiving such a document, Council Members may transmit to the CEO any concerns related to technical, procedural or policy issues or inconsistency with the GEF Instrument that they may have regarding the proposal prior to CEO endorsement and final approval by the agency concerned.

The CEO has discretionary authority to endorse or not endorse a proposal. If one Council Member informs the CEO of a concern, then the CEO may not proceed with endorsement. If prior to the next Council meeting the concern expressed by the Council Member is resolved in consultation with the beneficiary country and the GEF agency, then the CEO may proceed to endorse the draft final project document. If two or more Council Members raise concerns and they cannot be resolved, the CEO will submit the proposal to the next Council meeting.

The CEO will post those concerns on the GEF website and will update the status of the project proposal in the management information system to indicate that endorsement will be delayed pending resolution of the concern expressed by the Council Member. Endorsed final project documents will be posted on the GEF website.