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RELATIONS WITH THE CONVENTIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Recommended Council Decision for Relations with Conventions

The Council, having considered document GEF/C.38/3, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, welcomes the report and requests the GEF Partnership to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document reports on developments of interest to the GEF Council under the following multilateral environmental conventions: the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Montreal Protocol). The document also provides information on relations between the GEF Secretariat and other international conventions and institutions.

Highlights reported include:

- (a) Current status of the preparations and submissions to the CBD Secretariat of the Fourth National Biodiversity Reports.
- (b) A brief report on participation of GEF Secretariat in the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and a list of joint activities implemented and planned by the CBD Secretariat and the GEF Secretariat, including joint actions to celebrate International Year of Biodiversity (IYB).
- (c) A brief report on activities of the GEF Secretariat and UNCCD Secretariat to implement decisions of the ninth session of the UNCCD Conference of the Parties (COP9).
- (d) A brief report of activities and reports submitted to the UNFCCC, including reporting to the COP 15;
- (e) A report on participation of the GEF Secretariat in the simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, in Bali, Indonesia from 22-24 February, 2010.
- (f) A brief report on the 21st meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in Ghalib, Egypt, 4-8 of November, 2009;
- (g) A report on the progress of the Adaptation Fund Board including meetings held in Bonn, Germany on November 16-18, 2009 and March 23-25, 2010.

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1. This document reports on developments of interest to the GEF occurring since the GEF Council meeting in November 2009 within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the Stockholm Convention), the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Montreal Protocol). The report also provides information on GEF relations with other conventions and institutions.

CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Ratification

2. From November 2009 until May 2010, Somalia acceded and became the 193rd Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Bosnia and Herzegovina acceded to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on 30 December 2009.

National reporting

3. As of May 2010, the CBD Secretariat received 104 fourth national reports in their final version and 11 fourth national reports in advanced drafts. Reports can be found at <http://www.cbd.int/reports/search/?type=nr-04>

4. The Phase III National reporting project started in July 2009, and is designed to support up to 40 countries in their effort to draft their reports for carrying out 2010 Biodiversity Targets and to develop fourth national reports. So far 32 countries have made requests for funding. The SCBD and UNEP are continuing to work with countries to complete their application procedures.

Meetings and events

5. GEF Secretariat participated in the Kobe Biodiversity Dialogue, held from Thursday, 15 October 2009 through Friday, 16 October 2009 in Kobe, Japan. GEF Secretariat presented a synthesis of GEF project experience in achieving sustainable biodiversity conservation as part of a panel discussion that identified ways and means to implement the new strategic plan of the CBD and the post-2010 biodiversity target.

6. The GEF Secretariat has collaborated with the CBD Secretariat in hosting a variety of IYB related events. In Washington DC, the IYB was launched on April 13, together with an event that celebrated the work of President Arroyo of the Philippines and her leadership in the Coral Triangle Initiative, which has received considerable GEF support in GEF-4. In addition, on the International Day for Biodiversity celebration in Kenya along the margins of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and WGRI meetings, GEF Secretariat hosted a project site visit to a GEF project at Nairobi National Park in collaboration with CBD Secretariat.

7. The GEF Secretariat attended the Sixth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which was held from 2-6 Nov 2009 in Montreal, Canada. There was notable progress in the discussions and the meeting adopted recommendations on: a) mechanisms to promote the participation of indigenous and local communities; b) the development of *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices; c) elements of an ethical code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities; and d) a multi-year programme of work.

8. The GEF Secretariat attended the High-level Event (21-22 January 2010) and the Science-Policy Conference (25-29 January 2010) to celebrate the IYB at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France. The GEF CEO made an opening speech at the event which highlighted the importance of biodiversity to society and the role of the GEF in addressing the challenges to conserve and ensure sustainable use of biodiversity. The GEF CEO also chaired a session on "Development and Biodiversity" at the Science-Policy Conference. The panellists included representatives from UNDP, The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity study team, and indigenous communities. They highlighted the contribution of biodiversity to development and the pressures that development can place on biodiversity. The Conference brought together more than 250 participants and gave special attention to the scientific community to highlight a knowledge that could be used in biodiversity-related decision-making. The statement and recommendations from the Conference will be presented in a number of relevant meetings during the IYB.

9. The Global Workshop on the Satoyama Initiative: Ecosystem Services and Human Well-being, was organized by the Ministry of Environment of Japan and the UN University and co-organized by the CBD Secretariat, UNESCO, and UNEP in Paris, France on 29-30 January 2010. The GEF Secretariat participated in the workshop which was attended by more than 80 experts and CBD focal points from around the world. The GEF Secretariat presented the GEF biodiversity strategy on biodiversity mainstreaming and highlighted relevant ongoing projects, germane to Satoyama and available opportunities for future collaboration. GEF funded projects were featured at the workshop through a number of presentations by other partners, including FAO, UNDP/GEF SGP, and Conservation International.

10. The GEF Secretariat participated in the fourteenth meeting of the SBSTTA from 10-21 May 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya and participated in a number of side events, including one that focused on overall GEF support to the Programme of Work on Protected Areas. At this meeting SBSTTA addressed the following key issues: programmes of work on mountain biodiversity, biodiversity and climate change, inland waters biodiversity, sustainable use, marine and coastal biodiversity, and protected areas, among others.

11. The GEF Secretariat also attended the Third Meeting of the Working Group on the Review of the Implementation from 24-28 May 2010 in Nairobi, following the SBSTTA meeting. The Working Group prepared for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting a revised and updated Strategic Plan including a revised biodiversity

target, as well as a multi-year programme of work for the period 2011–2022, and proposals for the periodicity of meetings after 2010.

UN CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

Follow up on the UNCCD COP9

12. The GEF Secretariat initiated consultations with the UNCCD Secretariat on COP9 decisions and in particular decision 10/COP.9 which *inter alia* will result in a joint action plan for implementation during the Intersessional period leading to COP 10.

13. In addition, priorities for collaborative engagement are being discussed, including the need for further alignment of COP9 recommended actions with the GEF 5 strategy for the Land Degradation Focal Area. This includes, amongst others, efforts to further strengthen GEF5 programming through alignment of National Action Plans (NAPs) with the UNCCD 10-year Strategy. This effort will also build on two important GEF-financed programs: the National Capacity Self-Assessments lead by UNDP/UNEP; and the LDC-SIDS Capacity Building for Sustainable Land Management lead by UNDP.

14. Following the request by Parties at COP9, the GEF Secretariat has informed and consulted the UNCCD Secretariat on any further development regarding the allocation of resources that involve the focal area of land degradation, while the UNCCD Secretariat informed subsequently the respective Bureaux of the Convention and Focal Points on matters relating to the replenishment process.

15. Discussions are also underway regarding possible STAP guidance on indicators for monitoring impacts of investments in combating land degradation. The GEF and UNCCD Secretariats are planning a retreat in the coming months, where these priorities will be further developed for action.

Reporting

16. One of the important activities that the UNCCD secretariat engaged in cooperation with the GEF Secretariat is the 2010 reporting on performance indicators and other related reporting requirements as adopted by COP9. In partnership with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC) and other stakeholders, the UNCCD secretariat is assisting through a UNEP/DGEF led initiative country Parties in reporting to the Committee for the Review of the Implementation (CRIC) using an on-line reporting tool called Performance Review and Assessment of Implementation System (PRAIS).

17. The PRAIS will allow country Parties and other reporting entities, including the GEF Secretariat, to report on *inter alia* performance indicators provisionally adopted by Parties at COP9. The reporting in 2010 is the first step towards indicator based reporting by the UNCCD based on targets. It covers the central issues identified in The Strategy, namely advocacy, awareness raising and education, policy framework, science, technology and knowledge, capacity building, as well as financing and technology transfer. Aimed at providing Parties with

a clear and coherent framework for the alignment and monitoring of action programmes at national, subregional, regional and global levels, the information stored in the PRAIS will enhance the communication strategy of the UNCCD and provide scientifically credible information to the international community on the status and progress made in the implementation of the Convention. The repository of information relating to the Convention will serve multiple purposes in as much as it will reflect on the activities implemented as part of the Convention process, while also capturing for the first time in a standardized manner the support provided by the GEF to the Convention process.

UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Reporting

18. The GEF Secretariat prepared and submitted its report to the 15th session of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP). This report describes project activities approved by the GEF and summarizes the GEF's response to Convention guidance during the reporting period from 1 September 2008 to 30 June 2009. This report can be retrieved at the following link:

http://www.thegef.org/uploadedFiles/Focal_Areas/Climate_Change/GEF%20report%20to%20COP15_body_en.pdf

The GEF Secretariat prepared and submitted reports to the 31st session and to the 32nd session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) on information on financial support for the preparation of national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention. These reports can be retrieved at the following link:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2009/sbi/eng/inf11.pdf>

The GEF Secretariat also prepared and submitted interim reports to the 31st session and to the 32nd session of the SBI on the implementation of the Poznan Strategic Program on Technology Transfer. These reports can be retrieved at the following link:

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2009/sbi/eng/14.pdf>

Meetings and events

19. During the reporting period, the GEF Secretariat participated in a series of UNFCCC meetings, designed to culminate in an international response to climate change, to be agreed at COP 16 to be held in Cancun, Mexico in November 2010.

20. The GEF Secretariat participated in the 15th session of the COP, the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP), the 31st session of the SBI, the 31st session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), the tenth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP), and the eighth session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), which

took place from 7-18 December 2010 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

21. The GEF Secretariat participated in the eleventh session of the AWG-KP and the ninth session of the AWG-LCA, which took place from 9-11 April 2010 in Bonn, Germany.

22. The GEF Secretariat participated in the 32nd session of the SBI, the 32nd session of the SBSTA, the twelfth session of the AWA-KP, and the tenth session of AWG-LCA, which took place from 31 May-11 June 2010 in Bonn, Germany.

STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

23. The Stockholm Convention now counts 169 Parties. The simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions were held in Bali, Indonesia, from 22 to 24 February 2010. This follows years of deliberations to advance “synergies” in the international chemicals sphere, and improve linkages and coherence at the national and international levels. The agenda for the meetings was focused mostly on a number of practical and organizational matters related to the secretariats of the relevant conventions.

24. The COPs adopted an omnibus decision addressing joint secretariat services, joint activities of the secretariats, synchronization of their budget cycles, joint audits, joint managerial functions establishing a joint head for the three convention secretariats, and review of arrangements. The decision “*encourages parties and other stakeholders to undertake cooperative and coordinated activities to implement the synergies decisions [...] and “invites UNEP, UNDP, FAO, WHO, the World Bank, the Global Environment Facility and other relevant international organizations to report on their efforts to promote programmatic cooperation and coordination in relation to their support for the three Conventions at the national level, and on activities carried out or planned to implement the synergies’ decisions, to the three Conference of the Parties in time for the ordinary meetings of the COPs to the three Conventions in 2011 and in this context welcomes the synergistic approach that has been taken in the process for the fifth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility.”*

Meetings and events

25. The GEF Secretariat participated in the “*Regional training workshop on new POPs and the process of reviewing and updating NIPs in the Mediterranean and French-speaking African regions*”, Barcelona, Spain, 2-4 December 2009, in the “*Regional training workshop on new POPs, the process of reviewing and updating NIPs and implementing the guidelines on BAT&BEP in the Caribbean*”, Panama City, Panama, 25-28 January 2010, and in the “*Regional training workshop on PCBs and POPs wastes for French-speaking Africa*”, Bamako, Mali, 8-11 March 2010.

26. The sixth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC) will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, 11-15 October 2010.

MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES that DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

Ratification

27. The Ozone Treaty is now universally ratified after the ratification by Timor Leste.

Meetings and events

28. The 21st Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol was held in Port Ghalib, Egypt, from 4 - 8 November 2009. Two of the main issues under consideration were with regards to a possible amendment to bring HFCs under the control of the Montreal Protocol, and with regards to ODS destruction. The Parties could not agree on the former, with the discussion resulting in a decision on the ODS implications for the climate regime and low GWP alternatives to HCFCs and other ODS. Regarding environmentally sound management and destruction of ODS banks, discussions are on-going, and a one day seminar is planned ahead of the forthcoming OEWG “*on the topic of how to identify and mobilize funds, including funds additional to those being provided under the Multilateral Fund, for ozone depleting substance destruction.*” Further to the briefing that was provided to Council at its November 2009 meeting, the GEF Secretariat is collaborating with the Ozone Secretariat in the context of the seminar.

29. The 30th meeting of the Open Ended Working Group is scheduled in June 15-18, 2010, in Bangkok, Thailand. The next Meeting of the Parties is tentatively scheduled for October 25 to 29, 2010.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER CONVENTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

ADAPTATION FUND BOARD

30. The Adaptation Fund Board held two meetings during the reporting period: November 16 to 18, 2009 and March 23 to 25, 2010. The meeting convened in Bonn, Germany, at the UNCCD headquarters. The agenda, the annotated agenda, including documentation supporting agenda items, and the reports of the meeting will be made publicly available on the Adaptation Fund website at <http://www.adaptation-fund.org>.

31. Over the course of these meetings, the Board has decided:
- a) To issue an invitation to non-Annex I Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to submit project and programme proposals for funding;
 - b) To accredit as Implementing Entities the *Centre de Suivi Ecologique* (CSE) of Senegal; UNDP and the World Bank (IBRD), following the recommendations by the Accreditation Panel;
 - c) To accept the offer by Germany to confer legal capacity and to host the Board. This decision was further endorsed by CMP 5;

- d) To approve the text of the MOU between the Board and the implementing entities on access to resources from the Adaptation Fund.

32. With the adoption of the decisions outlined above, the Fund is now fully operational and the Board is ready to start reviewing project and programme proposals. The accreditation process is underway and a number of applications for both national implementing entities (NIE) and multilateral implementing entities (MIE) are being reviewed by the Accreditation Panel. The Board has also requested its Chair and Vice-Chair to approach multilateral and bilateral agencies and request them to provide technical and financial support to developing countries in establishing their NIE.

33. As of March 24, 2010, CER sales have generated revenues of USD 62.74 million since the start of the CER monetization program in May 2009. Besides, following the decision adopted by CMP 5 to encourage Parties included in Annex I to the Convention and international organizations to provide funding to the Adaptation Fund, which will be additional to the share of the proceeds from Clean Development Mechanism project activities; the Board further decided to send letter to these Parties requesting them to consider providing donations to the Fund.

34. Regarding the staff of the Adaptation Fund Board secretariat, the recruitment of two dedicated officials was finalized and an Adaptation Officer and a Programme Assistant have been incorporated to the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat.

35. The Board will hold its tenth meeting on June 14 to 16, 2010 in Bonn, Germany. An update will be provided during or after the Council meeting.

Annex I. Status of POPs Enabling Activities National Plans for the Implementation of the Stockholm Convention: Status of GEF Approval and Submission to the SCS

	Country	Date of GEF	Date of ratification,	Date of NIP
1.	Albania	25-Sep-03	04-Oct-04	12-Feb-07
2.	Algeria	14-Nov-01	22-Sep-06	06-Oct-07
3.	Angola	27-Mar-08	23-Oct-06	Not submitted
4.	Antigua and Barbuda	03-Mar-03	10-Sep-03	26-Nov-08
5.	Argentina	10-Feb-03	25-Jan-05	25-Apr-07
6.	Armenia	14-Nov-01	26-Nov-03	29-Apr-06
7.	Azerbaijan	25-Aug-04	13-Jan-04	15-Jan-10
8.	Bahamas	27-Oct-05	03-Oct-05	Not submitted
9.	Bangladesh	27-Mar-02	12-Mar-07	8-May-09
10.	Barbados	29-Apr-02	07-Jun-04	10-Dec-07
11.	Belarus	28-May-04	03-Feb-04	17-Jan-07
12.	Belize	17-Feb-05	25-Jan-10	Not submitted
13.	Benin	22-Nov-02	05-Jan-04	27-Oct-08
14.	Bolivia	22-Feb-02	03-Jun-03	19-Sep-05
15.	Botswana	01-Jul-03	28-Oct-02	Not submitted
16.	Brazil	28-Aug-06 (CEO	16-Jun-04	Not submitted
17.	Bulgaria	29-Apr-02	20-Dec-04	27-Sep-06
18.	Burkina Faso	10-Apr-03	31-Dec-04	02-Apr-07
19.	Burundi	20-Nov-02	02-Aug-05	28-Mar-06
20.	Cambodia	24-Mar-03	25-Aug-06	03-May-07
21.	Cameroon	10-Apr-03	19-May-2009	Not submitted
22.	Cape Verde	18-Oct-05	01-Mar-06	Not submitted
23.	Central African	22-May-02	12-Feb-08	8-Oct-08
24.	Chad	13-Jun-02	10-Mar-04	28-Apr-06
25.	Chile	29-Apr-02	20-Jan-05	30-May-06
26.	China	09-Sep-04	13-Aug-04	18-Apr-07
27.	Colombia	10-Jun-02	22-Oct-08	Not submitted
28.	Comoros	31-Jul-03	23-Feb-07	29-Jan-08
29.	Congo, Rep of	19-Apr-02	12-Feb-07	27-Feb-07
30.	Cook Islands	03-Mar-08	29-Jun-04	Not submitted
31.	Costa Rica	10-Dec-04	06-Feb-07	4-May-09
32.	Cote d'Ivoire	09-Oct-01	20-Jan-04	24-May-06
33.	Croatia	14-Nov-01	30-Jan-07	12-Mar-09
34.	Cuba	08-Jul-03	21-Dec-07	Not submitted
35.	Czech Republic	31-Jul-01	06-Aug-02	08-May-06
36.	Congo, Dem. Rep. of	14-Feb-07	23-Mar-05	Not submitted
37.	Djibouti	22-Nov-02	11-Mar-04	01-Jun-07
38.	Dominica	03-Mar-05	08-Aug-03	Not submitted
39.	Dominican Republic	30-Mar-06	04-May-07	7-May-09

40.	Ecuador	29-Apr-02	07-Jun-04	06-Sep-06
41.	Egypt	03-Sep-02	02-May-03	16-Mar-06
42.	El Salvador	13-Mar-06	27-May-08	Not submitted
43.	Eritrea	13-Feb-07	10-Mar-05	Not submitted
44.	Ethiopia	29-Jul-02	09-Jan-03	09-Mar-07
45.	Fiji	20-Dec-01	20-Jun-01	21-Jun-06
46.	Gabon	20-Nov-02	07-May-07	8-May-08
47.	Gambia	22-May-02	28-Apr-06	21-Mar-09
48.	Georgia	10-Feb-03	04-Oct-06	Not submitted
49.	Ghana	29-Oct-01	30-May-03	21-Jan-08
50.	Guatemala	19-Apr-02	30-Jul-08	Not submitted
51.	Guinea	29-Apr-02	11-Dec-07	Not submitted
52.	Guinea-Bissau	07-Jul-04	06-Aug-08	Not submitted
53.	Guyana	26-Jan-10	Not ratified*	Not submitted
54.	Haiti	03-Sep-02	Not ratified *	Not submitted
55.	Honduras	22-Mar-04	23-May-05	13-Jan-10
56.	Hungary	01-Aug-01	14-Mar-08	Not submitted
57.	India	14-Jun-07 (CEO end.)	13-Jan-06	Not submitted
58.	Indonesia	14-Nov-01	28-Sep-09	15-Apr-10
59.	Iran	13-Feb-02	06-Feb-06	02-Aug-08
60.	Jamaica	22-Nov-02	01-Jun-07	Not submitted
61.	Jordan	13-Jun-02	08-Nov-04	26-Dec-06
62.	Kazakhstan	21-Dec-01	09-Nov-07	25-Feb-10
63.	Kenya	09-Oct-01	24-Sep-04	14-Apr-07
64.	Kiribati	22-Nov-02	07-Sep-04	Not submitted
65.	Korea DPR	08-Dec-03	26-Aug-02	25-Nov-08
66.	Kyrgyzstan	05-Aug-03	12-Dec-06	2-April-09
67.	Lao PDR	19-Apr-02	28-Jun-06	Not submitted
68.	Latvia	30-Jul-02	28-Oct-04	07-Jun-05
69.	Lebanon	29-Apr-02	03-Jan-03	17-May-06
70.	Lesotho	19-Apr-02	23-Jan-02	26-Feb-09
71.	Liberia	27-Jan-03	23-May-02	20-Mar-08
72.	Lithuania	10-Mar-03	05-Dec-06	6-Apr-07
73.	Macedonia	14-Nov-01	27-May-04	02-Sep-05
74.	Madagascar	24-Mar-03	18-Nov-05	25-Sep-08
75.	Malaysia	29-Apr-02	Not ratified *	Not submitted
76.	Malawi	03-Sep-02	27-Feb-09	15-Feb-10
77.	Mali	29-Apr-02	05-Sep-03	09-Aug-06
78.	Marshall Islands	10-Apr-03	27-Jan-03	11-Aug-09
79.	Mauritania	20-Dec-01	22-Jul-05	19-Mar-10
80.	Mauritius	03-Sep-02	13-Jul-04	11-Oct-06
81.	Mexico	03-Jun-04	10-Feb-03	12-Feb-08
82.	Micronesia	29-Apr-02	15-Jul-05	Not submitted
83.	Moldova	25-Apr-02	07-Apr-04	25-Aug-05
84.	Mongolia	30-Jul-02	30-Apr-04	08-Jan-08

85.	Montenegro	15-Dec-08	Not ratified*	Not submitted
86.	Morocco	19-Apr-02	15-Jun-04	02-May-06
87.	Mozambique	22-May-02	31-Oct-05	12-Aug-08
88.	Nauru	03-Jul-03	09-May-02	Not submitted
89.	Nepal	22-May-02	06-Mar-07	25-Sep-07
90.	Nicaragua	13-Aug-03	01-Dec-05	29-Apr-06
91.	Niger	06-May-02	12-Apr-06	Not submitted
92.	Nigeria	14-Nov-01	24-May-04	29-Apr-09
93.	Niue	28-Aug-02	02-Sep-05	25-Jan-05
94.	Oman	31-Jul-03	19-Jan-05	3-Feb-09
95.	Pakistan	28-Aug-02	17-Apr-08	15-Dec-09
96.	Palau	06-May-03	Not ratified *	Not submitted
97.	Panama	21-Apr-05	05-Mar-03	10-Feb-09
98.	Papua New Guinea	29-Apr-02	07-Oct-03	Not submitted
99.	Paraguay	12-Nov-03	01-Apr-04	Not submitted
100.	Peru	19-Dec-03	14-Sep-05	19-Dec-07
101.	Philippines	22-Oct-01	27-Feb-04	19-Jun-06
102.	Poland	01-Aug-01	23-Oct-08	Not submitted
103.	Romania	04-Oct-01	28-Oct-04	12-Apr-06
104.	Russian Federation	16-Sep-09	Not ratified *	Not submitted
105.	Rwanda	08-Jan-03	05-Jun-02	30-May-07
106.	Samoa	18-Sep-01	04-Feb-02	21-Jun-07
107.	Sao Tome and Principe	20-Nov-02	12-Apr-06	12-Apr-07
108.	Senegal	24-Mar-03	08-Oct-03	26-Apr-07
109.	Serbia	10-Apr-03	31-Jul-09	Not submitted
110.	Seychelles	20-Nov-02	03-Jun-08	Not submitted
111.	Sierra Leone	07-Feb-06	26-Sep-03	11-Mar-09
112.	Slovak Republic	04-Oct-01	05-Aug-02	12-Dec-06
113.	Slovenia	29-Apr-02	04-May-04	02-Feb-10
114.	South Africa	03-Sep-02	04-Sep-02	Not submitted
115.	Sri Lanka	13-Jun-02	22-Dec-05	28-Sep-07
116.	St. Lucia	08-Jul-03	04-Oct-02	10-Jul-07
117.	Sudan	08-Jan-03	29-Aug-06	04-Sep-07
118.	Suriname	07-Feb-06	Not ratified *	Not submitted
119.	Swaziland	25-Mar-08	13-Jan-06	Not submitted
120.	Syria	03-Sep-02	05-Aug-05	23-Mar-09
121.	Tajikistan	13-Aug-03	08-Feb-07	14-Nov-07
122.	Tanzania	14-Nov-01	30-Apr-04	12-Jun-06
123.	Thailand	06-May-03	31-Jan-05	07-Aug-08
124.	Togo	14-Nov-01	22-Jul-04	13-Oct-06
125.	Tonga	22-Nov-02	23-Oct-09	Not submitted
126.	Trinidad and Tobago	07-Feb-06	13-Dec-02	Not submitted
127.	Tunisia	14-Nov-01	17-Jun-04	30-Jan-07
128.	Turkey	17-Dec-02	14-Oct-09	Not submitted
129.	Tuvalu	17-Feb-05	19-Jan-04	5-Mar-09

130	Uganda	09-Mar-05	20-Jul-04	13-Jan-09
131	Ukraine	06-May-03	25-Sep-07	Not submitted
132	Uruguay	13-Jun-02	09-Sep-04	01-Jun-06
133	Vanuatu	24-Mar-03	16-Sep-05	Not submitted
134	Venezuela	20-Nov-02	19-Apr-05	12-Aug-09
135	Vietnam	18-Sep-01	22-Jul-02	11-Sep-07
136	Yemen	22-May-02	09-Jan-04	Not submitted
137	Zambia	29-Apr-02	07-Jul-06	11-May-09
138	Zimbabwe	22-Nov-02	Not ratified *	Not submitted

* If 'Not ratified', country is not yet a Party and therefore not formally required to submit its NIP. However, these countries are eligible for GEF funding because they are signatories to the Convention.