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## ROTATIONS OF MEMBERS ON THE SELECTION AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

### **Recommended Council Decision**

The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.40/06, *Rotations of Members on the Selection and Review Committee*, requests the Selection and Review Committee (SRC) to continue to select new SRC members in accordance with the current practice, as articulated in the document and in particular agrees that:

- (i) When an SRC member from the contributing participant countries rotates off the SRC, the new member will be identified by the Council Members from the contributing participant countries;
- (ii) When an SRC member from the recipient participant countries rotates off the SRC, the new member will be identified by the Council Members from the recipient participant countries of the region (Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe) that is not represented on the SRC at the time of the rotation.

## **BACKGROUND**

1. This note provides background information about the current rules and informal practices in use for selecting new members of the Selection and Review Committee (SRC) to rotate onto the SRC. The SRC recommends that the Council formally adopt these practices.

2. At the 35<sup>th</sup> GEF Council meeting, the Council decided to:

*“...establish a Selection and Review Committee comprised of 6 Council members, including three from contributing participants and three from recipient participants. Members from each group will recommend the members of the Committee, who will then be endorsed by the full Council.”*

3. However, no decision was taken as to the terms of the committee Members.

4. The SRC deliberated on these questions at its June, 2010 meeting, and the Council took a decision to rotate SRC membership according to the following process:

i) *The term of an SRC Member is to be 3 years.*

ii) *The terms of Members are to be staggered such that two SRC Members will step down and two new Members will be appointed every June, in accordance with the process set forth in the GEF Council decision of June 2009.*

iii) *At the end of a term, a Member is to continue to serve until her or his successor is appointed and approved by the Council.*

iv) *A Member who is appointed after a term has begun is to serve only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and approved by the Council.*

v) *The terms of the initial SRC Members shall expire as follows:*  
*(a) two members (of the SRC's choosing) in 2010;*  
*(b) two members (of the SRC's choosing) in 2011; and*  
*(c) two members (of the SRC's choosing) in 2012.*

## **CURRENT PRACTICE FOR NEW MEMBER SELECTION**

5. Until now, the practice has been for the secretary of the SRC to reach out to the different constituencies to identify the members to serve on the SRC from the recipient participants. The initial three SRC members from the recipient participants were Council Members chosen by the constituencies of the African, Latin American and Asian regions - each selected one Council Member to serve on the SRC. These SRC members were from China, Mexico and the Republic of Congo. The contributing participants chose Council Members from U.S., Denmark, and Japan to serve.

6. In 2010, when the African Member stepped down, the Eastern European constituencies identified a replacement from the Russian Federation, and the contributing participant constituencies chose Germany to replace Japan. Presumably, when the next recipient member steps down, the African constituencies will identify a replacement, and the following year the constituencies from the region that rotated off the year before will provide the replacement. The contributing participant constituencies will continue to identify their successors.

## **CONCLUSION**

7. As these practices have served the SRC well and been relatively uncomplicated to administer, the SRC recommends that the Council take a decision to formalize this member rotation selection practice.