

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 1

Opening of the meeting (CEO chairs)

1. The meeting will be opened by Mohamed T. El-Ashry, CEO/Chairperson of the Facility.

Agenda Item 2

Election of a Chairperson (CEO Chairs)

2. In accordance with paragraph 18 of the Instrument, a Chairperson will be elected from among the Members of the Council. Paragraph 18 provides that the position of elected Chairperson shall alternate from one meeting to another between recipient and non-recipient Council Members. The elected Chairperson at the previous Council meeting was Mr. Erik Fiil. Mr. Fiil represents the constituency comprised of Denmark, Latvia, Lithuania and Norway. This meeting's elected Chairperson will be nominated by the recipient Council Members.

3. Consistent with paragraph 18 of the Instrument, the elected Chairperson is expected to chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 3, "Adoption of the agenda"; agenda item 4, "Statements on behalf of Biological Diversity Convention, Climate Change Convention and STAP followed by questions and answers"; agenda item 6, "Monitoring and Evaluation"; agenda item 9, "GEF Administrative Budget ", and agenda item 10, "Relations with conventions".

4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 11, "Other Business", and agenda item 12, "Joint Summary of the Chairs".

5. The CEO/Chairperson of the Facility will chair the Council meeting during discussions on the other items on the agenda.

Agenda Item 3

Adoption of agenda (Elected Chairperson chairs)

6. A provisional agenda for consideration by the Council has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/C.7/1/Rev.1. The Council is invited to adopt its agenda for the meeting.

Agenda Item 4

Statements on behalf of Biological Diversity Convention, Climate Change Convention and STAP followed by questions and answers (Elected Chairperson chairs)

7. In accordance with paragraph 11 of the Rules of Procedure for the GEF Council, a representative of the Convention on Biological Diversity and a representative of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change have been invited to make a general introductory statement to the Council. An opportunity will be provided after each statement for Council Members to address questions to the representative.

8. The Chairman of STAP has also been invited to make a general statement to the Council on the work of STAP. An opportunity will be provided for Council Members to address questions to the Chairman of STAP.

Agenda Item 5

Work Program (CEO chairs)

(a) Secretariat Note on Operational Policy and Programmatic Analysis

9. In its proposal for approval of GEF work programs (document GEF/C.7/7), the Secretariat has proposed that it prepare for each Council meeting a separate note reviewing the programmatic evolution of GEF operations. This note should provide a basis for Council discussion of policy and strategic issues concerning GEF operations. In its consultations with Council Members, the Secretariat received widespread support for the preparation of such a note. Consequently, the Secretariat has undertaken to prepare an operational policy and programmatic analysis note for review by the Council at its present meeting, document GEF/C.7/4. The Council's attention is drawn to the proposal discussed in the note for streamlining approval of project proposals for enabling activities. This matter is also included in the proposed work program to be discussed under agenda item 9(b). The Council is invited to review the note with a view to providing guidance to the Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies on the issues raised therein.

(b) Proposed work program

10. Document GEF/C.7/3, Work program proposed for Council approval, presents a proposed work program comprised of project proposals that have been developed by the Implementing Agencies, reviewed by the GEF Operations Committee (GEFOP) and recommended by the CEO for Council approval. The Secretariat has prepared a short introductory note to the proposed work program in which it reports on policy and programming issues associated with it. The Council is invited to review the proposed work program with a view to approving it for further development.

(c) Analysis of PDF

11. At its second meeting in November 1994, the Council agreed to establish the Project Preparation and Development Facility (PDF), with an initial allocation of US\$15 million. At its meeting in February 1995, the Council approved the policies on eligibility for, and use of, PDF resources, and requested the Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies to evaluate the process of allocating project preparatory funds after a year of operation. Document GEF/C.7/10, Analysis of the PDF, is an analysis of the PDF since its first activities were approved in March 1995 to the end of January 1996. The Council is invited to review the analysis of the PDF, to

take note of its conclusions, and, if it deems appropriate, to provide guidance to the Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies on the further development of the PDF.

(d) Proposal for approval of GEF work programs

12. At the Council meeting in October 1995, a proposal was presented on ways to facilitate work program review. The Council requested the CEO to review the proposal, analyze its implications for the GEF and circulate a written proposal for Council's consideration. After consultations with the Council, the Secretariat has prepared a proposal for approval of GEF work programs which is before the Council in document GEF/C.7/7. The Council is invited to review the proposal with a view to approving it.