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**GEF-CSO Network Report to GEF Council**  
**December 2018–November 2019**  
*(Prepared by the GEF-CSO Network)*



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## Summary

This report provides an update on the work of the GEF CSO Network in the period December 2018- November 2019.

The GEF CSO Network actively participated in a range of GEF related meetings including the GEF Council meetings in Washington D.C.

The Network provided significant input to GEF policy making with statements on many agenda items at the GEF Council meeting and ECWs of various regions. In addition, the Network actively participated in several GEF working groups including WG on the Stakeholder Engagement Policy, Gender Action Plan and Knowledge Management.

Internally, the Network enhanced its governance structure and function and has implemented its new governance structure which includes having a Chair, Vice Chair and Management Team for the Network and a separate Secretariat. The vision and targets for the GEF CSO network in the GEF 7 period are specified in its Strategic Plan. The Network has been active in promoting GEF and the engagement of civil society and Policy Briefs. Due to the unavailability of funds, we have not been able to translate the Policy Briefs in other languages. Membership of the network has steadily been growing and stood at 554 in November 2019.

The GCN is working on the recommendations made in the “Call for Action” adopted in 6<sup>th</sup> GEF Assembly but more work is needed as other agencies/organizations has their roles as well. A number of specific recommendations are made as follows:

**Recommendation 1: ECW meetings should continue to include a specific agenda item related to engagement of civil society particularly meaningful engagement in the National Dialogues under the proposed New Paradigm of Partnership. Funding should continue to be provided through the ECW mechanism for back-to-back full day preparatory/follow-up CSO meetings to be organized at the time of each ECW meeting.**

**Recommendation 2: GEF should continue work to fully put in place the mechanisms to support the implementation of the GEF Principles and Guidelines on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples. In addition, adequate financial resources need to be allocated to fund the workplan of the GEF CSO Network and re-establish a dedicated financing mechanism for the network either through the GEF or the “Voluntary funds” basket.**

**Recommendation 3: In line with the recommendation of the IEO to establish a sustaining financing mechanism for the GEF CSO Network – the Council should make a specific allocation of resources for the Voluntary Fund as well as establish other mechanisms to support the Network.**

**Recommendation 4: GEF Secretariat and GEF-CSO Network should continue to work together to enhance CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) as well as support the implementation of the SDGs.**

**Recommendation 5: GEF IEO and GEF CSO Network to explore further options to enhance engagement of Civil Society in Monitoring and evaluation of GEF projects and programmes.**

**Recommendation 6: The GEF Agencies and GEF CSO Network should undertake discussions to identify options for enhanced CSO engagement in projects and programmes developed by agencies.**

## **Introduction**

1. This report is submitted to the GEF Council for information in line with the Council decision in November 2010. It describes the overall activities of the GEF-CSO Network, with specific sections dedicated to the work carried out by its Chair and Vice Chair, Regional Focal Points and Indigenous Peoples Focal Points, Country Contact Points (CCPs) and its Secretariat.
2. The GEF-CSO Network comprises more than 554 member organizations with experience and expertise in GEF areas of work from all regions around the world.
3. The following report provides the progress made in the period December 2018-November 2019.

### **Adjustment of the Strategic Plan to GEF 7's Programing Directions and Impact Programs.**

4. In view of GEF 7's provisions, the GEF CSO Network realigned its Strategic Plan 2018-22 to the new programming directions and impact programmes. All the Network functions are undertaken primarily on a voluntary basis by the organizations and individuals involved.
5. The full Coordination Committee (CC) has not been meeting as the case used to be, but meetings are held via teleconferences which sometimes make it difficult to address administrative matters. It is understood that the participation of RFPs/IPLCs provides a greater opportunity for the Coordination Committee to oversee the work of the Network, approve workplan, budgets, strategies and address administrative issues for Network operations. It is during time that strategies are explored to promote the effectiveness of the Network's work to enhance civil society input to GEF. The four sub-committees also report on issues of Governance, membership and elections; outreach and communication; Strategy and planning; and linkage with GEF-related conventions. Task forces are established from time to time to address key issues. In the recent past, and

especially after the approval of the Updated Vision, the task forces and working groups have not been quite effective as some members of the CC are left out to participate due to what is reported as limited finances. This has affected the effectiveness of inputs to the GEF architecture and focal area strategies respectively.

## **Organisation and participation in GEF Related meetings**

### **GEF Council – CSO Consultations**

6. The GEF-CSO Network plays a key role in the organization of GEF Council–CSO Consultations immediately prior to the GEF Council meetings. These bring together representatives of member CSOs, GEF Council members, GEF Agencies, GEF-related Conventions and the GEF Secretariat. The meetings provide a forum for key issues of concern to civil society to be discussed with the GEF Council members, agency representatives and other stakeholders.
7. GEF Council-Civil Society consultations were organized by the Network prior to the GEF Council Consultation Meetings in Washington DC. The meeting was attended by a broad range of stakeholders including council members, GEF Agencies, GEF Secretariat and CSOs. The GEF CEO participated in one-hour dialogue sessions in the meetings providing an opportunity for CSOs to learn first-hand of key GEF initiatives and challenges.

### **Input to GEF Policy Making**

8. The Network presented 8 position papers and made associated statements in relation to GEF Council working papers at the respective GEF Council.

Copies of the statements are available at:

<http://www.gefcso.org/index.cfm?&menuid=317&parentid=126>

<http://www.gefcso.org/index.cfm?&menuid=323&parentid=92>

### **GEF-CSO Network Draft Plan in view of resource constraints**

9. In response to the review by the IEO, the Network has been preparing Draft Action Plans which emphasize on enhanced partnership with other GEF partners, securing adequate

resources and developing a common vision with the GEF family. Unfortunately, the lack of funds has affected the progression of such plans.

10. The following are the key activities that have taken place during this reporting period:
  - Prepared policy briefs to CC Members
  - Participated in the global consultation meetings via teleconference with the GEF Secretariat.
  - Between November 2018 to November 2019, the Network followed-up with the GEF Secretariat on matters related to lack of funding and explored possibilities for opening up other funding windows for funding from GEF Trust funds
  - The Network participated in 56<sup>th</sup> GEF Council Meeting and CSO Consultation in Washington DC and contributed on each Agenda Item through Statements.
  - Held face-to-face meeting with GEF Secretariat and followed up with a consultation with stakeholders during the CSO Consultation meeting.

### **Collaboration with Small Grants Programme (SGP)**

11. The Network contributed actively to the work of the GEF Small Grants Programme. It is represented in the GEF SGP Global Steering Committee which was formally re-established in June 2015. However, meetings have not yet been held as has been a tradition on the sidelines of the GEF Council.
12. The Network also worked with SGP in developing concepts for CSO-Government Policy Dialogues in several regions. However, the implementation was shelved due to changes in SGP policy and strategy and apparent lack of funding.

### **Outreach and communication**

13. Due to lack of funds, the Network has not been able to maintain and develop the Network website [www.gefcsso.org](http://www.gefcsso.org) as an interactive communication tool between the Network and the members as well as others interested in CSO activities related to GEF. Thus, electronic mailing groups are not extensively used at regional and global level to disseminate information to members.
14. Again, due to lack of funds, the network cannot track website use over this period. Earlier when funding used to be available, the network would statistically capture cumulative totals of use (up till June 2017). Thus, it is difficult to capture the number of visitors per month over the past year. Earlier, when funding was available, monthly average visits would top around 2000 visitors.
15. To promote further outreach, during the reporting period, the Network has not disseminated its quarterly e-Newsletters due to funds unavailability. Earlier, these

publications would be available in Arabic language. This provided an opportunity to disseminate to the GEF Council Members, GEF Agencies, GEF Focal Points and others.

## **Membership Development**

16. The membership of the Network is managed by the Secretariat on a part-time basis in the Secretariat office (Society for Environment and Development (SED), India.
17. As of November 2019, there were 554 members in the Network. Membership promotion was undertaken at global, regional and local levels through the RFPs, international meetings, and through the website.

## **Work of the Network Focal Points**

### **Regional Focal Points**

18. At the regional level, activities were undertaken by the RFPs in their respective region to enhance the role of civil society in GEF activities and in promoting the Network. The key activities undertaken by RFPs in their regions were:
  - a. Providing inputs to and implementing Network decisions and action plans including cooperation with all partners.
  - b. Implementing GEF Council Consultation meetings, GEF Council meetings and providing inputs to related position papers.
  - c. Inviting new members from respective regions to strengthen the CSOs base in GEF process.
  - d. Dissemination of information about events, meetings, updates and comment pertaining to environment and GEF activities to CSOs in their respective regions (including in respective regional languages).
  - e. Circulation of reports on achievements from GEF Council CSO consultations and the GEF Council
  - f. Soliciting and collating of inputs and comments from the constituency on Network position papers, GEF papers, etc.
  - g. Promotion of the Network through emails, website and meetings to encourage more local CSOs to be a part of the Network.
  - h. Sharing and disseminating information on funding opportunities including the SGP to CSOs.
  - i. Liaising with GEF Operational Focal points in selected countries in their regions.
  - j. Participation in and coordination of CSO activities and presentation on CSO issues at ECW meetings, including organisation of CSO meetings at regional level back-to-back with ECW meetings.

- k. Gathering activity reports at country to country level through Country Contact Points (CCP), etc.
- l. Identification of problems of cooperation of CSOs with national authorities - GEF partners and promotion of such cooperation.
- m. Overseeing the works of CCPs as appropriate.

### **Indigenous Peoples Focal Points**

- 19. During this period, the engagement between the Network and IP organizations and networks has been enhanced. There was also some engagement of IP organizations in country dialogues but the envisaged involvement of IP organisations in GEF meetings was limited due to various constraints, related to the selection procedure and limitation of participation.
- 20. The IPFPs were active in strengthening the engagement with IPs and the Networks. Their activities included:
  - a. Dissemination of information about events, meetings, updates and comments pertaining to environment and GEF activities to Indigenous peoples' organizations and Networks in their respective regions.
  - b. Circulation of reports on achievements from GEF Council CSO consultations and the GEF Council to Indigenous People's organizations and Networks
  - c. Sharing and dissemination of information on funding opportunities including the SGP to Indigenous Peoples organisations.
  - d. Participation in GEF Council-CSO Consultation meetings and GEF Council meetings and providing inputs to position papers on CSO engagement in GEF.
  - e. Participating in meetings of the Coordination Committee and relevant sub committees.
  - f. Participation in selected convention-related meetings

### **Management Team**

- 21. The Management Team has been actively overseeing the activities of the Network. Their activities included:
  - a. Facilitating the coordination between the work of the sub-committees, Secretariat and the Coordination Committee.
  - b. Overseeing the preparation of the Coordination Committee meetings, Preparatory meeting and GEF Council – CSO Consultation meeting before the 56<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.



- c. Overseeing the preparation and input to 56<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> GEF Council meetings, including reviewing and approving the list of sponsored participants
- d. Collaborated with GEF Secretariat in structuring Agenda Items for 56<sup>th</sup> & 57<sup>th</sup> GEF Council Consultations as per Council Decision to finalise Agenda Items 6 Months before Meetings are held.
- e. Held communications with GEF Secretariat through regular conference call on the Network matters and with GEF Agencies (UNDP) on the PIF development
- f. Monitoring and guiding the work of the Secretariat

#### **Election:**

- 22. Election for various Regions Focal Points along with the Chair and Vice-chair were conducted successfully. Following the New Chair and Vice-chair of GCN.
  - a. **Chair - Mr. Akhteruzzaman Sano**, RFP, South East Asia
  - b. **Vice Chair - Dr. Maria Leichner**, RFP, South America

#### **Network's Secretariat**

- 23. The Secretariat was formally appointed in November's 54<sup>th</sup> GEF Council Consultations following the expiry of the term for the former Interim Secretariat, the Global Environmental Centre (GEC). It has been actively involved in coordinating of the review of Council papers, preparation of Network position papers, organizing preparatory, Council-CSO meetings and other GEF-related meetings and overall administration of the Network. The key activities undertaken were:
  - a. Assisting in conducting the Coordination Committee meeting, Preparatory meeting and GEF Council – CSO Consultation meeting before the 56<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> GEF Council.
  - b. Outreach and communication with members to share information on GEF-CSO Network and GEF activities including e-group and website operation and maintenance.
  - c. Coordinating membership administration and promotion.
  - d. Liaising with the Chair in coordinating preparation of Network policy and position papers for GEF Council sessions.
  - e. Communicating and providing supporting documents, participating in the phone interviews and providing comments to the report.
  - f. Providing support to the respective Task Forces for the election of the Regional Focal Points.

#### **Finance and Administration**

- 24. Although the Network primarily works on a voluntary basis – it needs resources to cover the cost of specific activities and services including administration and governance,

outreach, advocacy engagement, and participation at GEF related meetings and workshops.

25. Between 2009-2014 the Network received an annual grant of \$50,000 from the GEFSEC (from the communications budget of the External Affairs section) to support outreach and communication activities including maintaining the network web site, production of the newsletter, development and translation of materials for dissemination in local languages and organization of activities at country and sub-regional level. However, this direct support from the Secretariat was stopped in 2014.
26. The GEF-CSO Network received a grant of USD50,000 from the GEF NGO Voluntary Fund via GEF Secretariat in September 2015. This supported the Network's activities and in particular, strengthened its capacity and activities at the regional and country levels for September 2015 – October 2016.
27. When funds were available, and in line with its procedures for financial management, Network accounts were audited on a calendar year basis and the audit reports were posted on the Network website. The last report was made in 2016.
28. Following the revision of its strategic plan in June 2018 – the Network has initiated a process to identify other sources of funds to support its work. The Network has discussed with selected GEF Council members and several CSO GEF Agencies (WWF-US, IUCN and CI) on possible contributions from them to support the Network's work and they this has not yielded positive results. However further progress on possible support from the Council members is being made through Council Working Group. This is meant to examine the options for establishing mechanisms for longer term support of the Network.
29. The lack of dedicated fund allocation for the Network is a major constraint to support the implementation of the Network's Strategic Plan.

## **Key issues/concerns and recommendations**

### **Progress in addressing issues raised**

30. Eight issues requiring action by the Council or Secretariat have been highlighted in the Network's Report to the GEF Council. These are as follows:
  - a) Enhancing the procedures for the selection and travel arrangements for CSOs supported to attend GEF Council-CSO consultations in view of the Updated Vision.
  - b) Enhancing the role of the Network in selecting participants for the GEF Meetings.
  - c) Contributions to the GEF CSO Voluntary Fund.
  - d) Update on the implementation of the Stakeholder Engagement Policy.

- e) Establishment of the mechanisms to enhance the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and the GEF
  - f) Enhancing support for CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and the SDG framework.
  - g) Building strong mechanisms for Network member engagement at national, regional and global levels such as through incorporation of CSO reps in GEF monitoring and evaluation teams
  - h) Exploring ways to strengthen the relationship between GEF, agencies, implementing partners and civil society
31. Progress has been partially positive during the year with good achievements in a number of areas, as follows:

### **Full or partial progress**

- a) Enhancing the procedures for the selection and travel arrangements for CSOs supported to attend GEF Council-CSO consultations. Improvements have not been maintained on selection and travel arrangements for GEF Council – CSO consultations – as there still remains a problem in the quality of some selected participants to contribute effectively to GEF debates and programming.
- a1) It also appears difficult for participants from some countries to obtain visas on time and in travel arrangements. This was addressed by bringing forward the deadline for application to enable selection to be completed two months before the Council meeting. The GEFSEC has also continued to show flexibility on allowing additional or replacement participants when budgets permit.

**Recommendation 2: The GEF Secretariat should strengthen the Policy based on the inputs of the Network members and the members of the Working group on the Policy. The preparation of the associated guidelines should be expedited. Resources should be put in place for the implementation of the policy.**

- b) Establishment of the Mechanisms to enhance engagement of Indigenous peoples and GEF The Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG) has continued its work. New office bearers have come on board during 2017 and 2018 and have provided inputs during the GEF Council meetings including continuous discussions and meeting on skype in between the meetings. Other outcomes included input on the way forward for IPAG coordination after changes in the GEF Secretariat.

**Recommendation 3: GEF should continue to fully put in place the mechanisms to support the implementation of the GEF Principles and Guidelines on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples. In addition, adequate financial resources need to be allocated to**

**fund the workplan of the IPAG and establish a dedicated financing mechanism for Indigenous peoples under GEF.**

### **Little or No progress**

**c) Contributions to the GEF CSO Voluntary Fund**

The GEF CSO Voluntary Fund was established in January 2012. Initial funds comprised the remaining funds from earlier donor grants in the 1990s as well as additional funds from the GEF Secretariat. The fund was established to support the work of the Network and with the adoption of the Network strategic plan 2015-2022 (Revised 2018-22) there are a range of activities that need support and additional contributions are required – especially from donor countries. The balance of funds was allocated to a grant to the Network for the period October 2015- October 2016. No contributions have been made to the fund since 2012.

**Recommendation 4: In line with the recommendation of the IEO to establish a sustaining financing mechanism for the GEF CSO Network – the Council should make a specific allocation of resources for the Voluntary Fund as well as establish other mechanisms to support the Network.**

- d) Enhancing CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework. Besides the dialogue between the GEF CEO and CSOs attending the COPs, little progress has been made on enhancing the support of the engagement of CSOs with the GEF at the COPs of various multilateral environmental Agreements. With regards to the new SDGs, the Network is tracking the progress of the SDGs to see how the Network can link its Strategic Plan and contribute to the goals.

**Recommendation 5: GEF Secretariat and GEF-CSO Network should continue to work together to enhance CSO engagement with the GEF at COPs of various Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) as well as support the implementation of the SDGs.**

- e) Building strong mechanisms for Network member engagement at national, regional and global levels such as through incorporation of CSO representatives in GEF monitoring and evaluation teams.

Limited progress has been made in relation to this issue but the matter has been highlighted in the context of the revision of the Stakeholder Engagement Policy as well as the work of the Working Group on GEF and Civil Society. Engagement in GEF M&E activities could be addressed in conjunction with the GEF Independent Evaluation office. It was planned that the Network will provide input to the revision of the GEF M&E policy in 2016-2017 – however this was apparently deferred.

**Recommendation 6: GEF IEO and GEF CSO Network to explore further options to enhance engagement of Civil Society in Monitoring and evaluation of GEF projects and programmes.**

- f) Explore ways of strengthening the relationship between GEF, agencies, implementing partners and civil society

Significant discussion was undertaken on this in the framework of the Working Group on the Stakeholder Engagement Policy and the Working group on GEF and Civil Society - but little significant progress has been made in relation to implementation on this issue. Two specific areas have been identified for further work – notably working at the country level with OFPs and national CSOs and organizing further dialogues with GEF Agencies to promote enhanced opportunities for CSO engagement in projects and programmes developed by agencies (guided by the new Stakeholder Engagement Policy).

**Recommendation 7: Efforts to enhance the engagement of CSOs and GEF OFP at the country level should be enhanced – through the organisation of annual National Dialogue Meetings between OFPs and CSOs and enhanced engagement of CSOs in GEF project and programme design and implementation.**

**Recommendation 8: The GEF Agencies and GEF CSO Network should undertake discussions to identify options for enhanced CSO engagement in projects and programmes developed by agencies.**

## Annex 1 List of Network Regions

### GEF-CSO Network Regions (2019)

<b>Africa</b>	<b>Countries*</b>
1. Western Africa	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Togo
2. Central Africa	Burundi, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe
3. Eastern Africa	Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda
4. Southern Africa	Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
5. Northern Africa	Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia

<b>Asia Pacific</b>	<b>Countries</b>
6. South Asia	Bangladesh, Bhutan India, Maldives Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
7. South East Asia	Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Timor Leste, Thailand, Viet Nam
8. North east Asia	People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Korea DPR, Japan, Mongolia
9. West Asia	Afganistan, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen
10. Pacific	Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

<b>Europe</b>	<b>Countries</b>
11. Europe	Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Vatican City
12. Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Albania Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

<b>Americas</b>	<b>Countries</b>
13. Mesoamerica	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Venezuela
14. South America	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay
15. Caribbean	Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Bahamas, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Virgin Islands
16. North America	Canada, United States

Representatives from the Indigenous People's Organizations

Representative Asia Pacific
Representative Africa
Representative Americas

\* NOTE: the countries in the regions as well as the regions will be adjusted from time to time.

## Annex 2: List of Regional and Indigenous Peoples Focal Points of the GEF-CSO Network (2019)

### REGIONAL FOCAL POINTS

#### Northern Africa

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May 9, 2019 to May 8, 2023 (I)

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June 2, 2019 to June 1, 2023 (II)

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April 30, 2019 to April 29, 2023 (II)

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5	Zimbabwe	ZERO Regional Environmental Organisation	158 Fife Avenue, Greenwood Park, P O Box 5338 Harare, Zimbabwe	Shepard Zvigadza, Chair, szvigadza gmail.com
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7	South Africa	All for Africa Foundation	2nd Floor, Building C Ballyoaks Office Park Ballyclare Drive, Bryanston Ext. 7, 2191 Bryanston, South Africa	Harvey Keown Managing Director h.keown@a4af.org
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