GEF Council
New Delhi, India
March 30-31, 1998

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. Phillippe Roch, the Member representing the constituency of Switzerland. This meeting's elected Chairperson will be nominated by the non-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 6, "Review of Evaluation Reports and Follow-up Actions"; and agenda item 9, “GEF Corporate Budget for FY99”.

4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 10, "Other Business", and agenda item 11, "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 THE AGENDA  

(Elected Chairperson chairs)

6. A provisional agenda for consideration by the Council has been circulated to all Council Members as document GEF/C.11/1. The Council is invited to adopt its agenda for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4  STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR OF STAP

7. The Chair of STAP has 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 Chair of STAP. With regard to STAP activities, the Council has before it in information document 3 (GEF/C.11/Inf.3) four reports that have been submitted by STAP.

AGENDA ITEM 5  REPORT ON THE SECOND REPLENISHMENT OF THE GEF TRUST FUND  

(CEO chairs)

8. In February 1997, the Council approved by mail a decision requesting the Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund, in cooperation with the CEO/Chairman of the Facility, to initiate replenishment of the Trust Fund in early 1997. The Council has before it as Document GEF/C.11/6, Report on the Second Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund.

9. The Report on the Second Replenishment includes a summary of the replenishment negotiations and two attachments;

(a) a draft Replenishment Document that is to be submitted to the World Bank Executive Board for adoption; and

(b) policy recommendations addressing six strategic areas for urgent action advanced by the participants in the
replenishment discussions in order to maximize the efficiency and impacts of the GEF’s resources.

10. The Council is invited to take note of the Summary of the Replenishment Negotiations, to endorse the Replenishment Document, and to approve the policy recommendations.

11. The Council is also invited to request the CEO to transmit the summary of the negotiations to the World Bank with a request that the World Bank Executive Board adopt the replenishment resolution, thereby authorizing the World Bank, as Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund, to manage the resources made available for its second replenishment.

12. Furthermore, the Council is invited to request the CEO, in conformity with Paragraph 22 and Annex D, paragraph 7 of the Instrument, to transmit the Summary, together with the GEF evaluation reports, to UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank, inviting each of them, in its role as an Implementing Agency, to take note of the replenishment and to accept and take appropriate action on the policy statement approved by the Council.

AGENDA ITEM 6  REVIEW OF EVALUATION REPORTS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS (Elected Chairperson chairs)

13. In accordance with paragraph 14 of the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF, the Assembly is to review the general policies of the Facility and to review and evaluate the operation of the Facility on the basis of reports submitted by the Council. In order to assist the Assembly in its review, the Council requested that an evaluation study of the GEF be prepared by an independent team. The report of the team, Study of GEF’s Overall
Performance, is before the Council as document GEF/A.1/5. On the request of the Council, a Senior Advisory Panel of experienced and knowledgeable persons was also appointed to provide strategic guidance on the approach and implementation of the study. The advisory panel’s statement on the study is appended as Annex 2 to the report. Two other documents have also been prepared to assist the Assembly in its review of the GEF: Project Implementation Review of the GEF, 1997 (document GEF/A.1/6) and Summary Report of the Study of GEF Project Lessons (document GEF/A.1/7). All three documents are before the Council.

14. The Council is invited to review the evaluation reports and to prepare, for consideration by the Assembly, its views on the evaluation reports. The Council’s views will be submitted to the Assembly for its information.

15. The Council is also invited to agree on a plan of action for responding to the recommendations of the evaluation reports. In so doing, the Council should incorporate the decisions it approves under agenda item 5 and should take into account the recommendations presented in the CEO’s Report on Policies, Operations and Future Development of the GEF to be considered under agenda item 7.

AGENDA ITEM 7

REVIEW OF CEO REPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION PREPARED FOR THE GEF ASSEMBLY

(CEO chairs)

16. Drawing upon the recommendations of the evaluation studies, the policies and operations of the GEF as approved by the Council, and his experience as CEO/Chairman of the Facility, the CEO will present a draft report on the highlights of GEF activities since its restructuring and his recommendations for the future development of the GEF (Document
The Council is invited to review and comment upon the draft CEO’s Report on Policies, Operations and Future Development of the GEF. The CEO will take the Council’s comments into account in preparing his final report to be submitted to Participants on the first day of the Assembly (document GEF/A.1/8).

17. The Council also has before it the following documentation that has been prepared for the Assembly:

- GEF/A.1/9 Report on GEF Trust Fund
- GEF/A.1/10 Report on Membership

18. The Council is invited to raise any matters discussed in these documents under this agenda item with a view to transmitting Council’s views on the documents to the Assembly.

**AGENDA ITEM 8 WORK PROGRAM**

(CEO chairs)

19. Document GEF/C.11/3, Work program proposed for Council approval, (presented in four volumes), contains the 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 an 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.
AGENDA ITEM 9  GEF CORPORATE BUDGET FOR FY 99  
(Elected Chairperson chairs)

20. Document GEF/C.11/4 presents the GEF Corporate Budget for FY99. The Council is invited to review the proposed budget with a view to approving it. For purposes of this agenda item, the Council will meet in executive session.

AGENDA ITEM 10  OTHER BUSINESS  
(Jointly chaired)

21. Members and the Chairpersons may raise any other business under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 11  JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS  
(Jointly chaired)

22. The elected Chairperson and the CEO/Chairperson will present a joint summary of the main discussions and conclusions of the meeting. Decisions approved by the Council during the meeting will be included in the Chairs' joint summary.
**MONDAY, MARCH 30**

**Morning session**

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