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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. Information on the GEF pipelines facilitates programming, helps to streamline project processing, and provides feedback to countries on country requests. Requests for pipeline information were re-iterated by Council members at the Council meeting in New Delhi in March 1998.
2. The Secretariat has prepared this report according to the following criteria and using information received during project preparation and from Implementing Agency submissions.

### **II. PIPELINE DATA CRITERIA AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **ENTRY CRITERIA**

3. A project enters the pipeline each time
  - the CEO approves a PDF-B grant for project preparation;
  - GEF project preparation is undertaken with non-PDF funds;
  - a project concept has been cleared for further development at a Bilateral meeting;
  - an Implementing Agency has received from an eligible country an endorsed request and either (i) the proposal has passed the agency's initial screening, or (ii) the Implementing Agency has not responded to the country operational focal point within two weeks of the receiving their request; or
  - an Implementing Agency has approved a PDF-A grant for project preparation.
4. Entry into the pipeline does not necessarily imply concurrence by the GEF Secretariat that the project proposal is consistent with GEF strategy, programs, and policies.

#### **EXIT CRITERIA**

5. A given project exits the pipeline if it is
  - included in a Council-approved Work Program;
  - declared to be not eligible on the basis of the pre-screening by the Implementing Agency, for reasons stated in a reply to the originator and operational focal point;
  - withdrawn by the Implementing Agency, for stated reasons; or
  - removed as a result of a decision taken at a Bilateral Review meeting by the Secretariat, for stated reasons.

### **III. REPORTING**

6. Implementing Agencies forward to the Secretariat data on their pipelines and any changes to their pipelines. The Secretariat includes this pipeline information in its quarterly updates of the *Operational Report on GEF Programs* (ORGP). Information on projects is reported for a period of three months following withdrawal from the pipeline. The ORGP is also available in hard copy for distribution at Council Meetings.