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OUTLINE OF ANNUAL REPORT 2000 (VOLUME I) AND STATUS OF THE GEF TRUST FUND AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (VOLUME II)

Introductory Note

1. This paper includes an outline of Volume I of the 2000 GEF Annual Report as well as the full text of Volume II of the report. Volume II presents the status of the GEF Trust Fund and Audited Financial Statements for the Trustee of the GEF Trust Fund, the Implementing Agencies and the GEF Secretariat.

2. The projected production schedule for the annual report is as follows:

11/1/00 Outline of volume I together with financial statements
circulated to the Council

11/17/00 Council comments on outline of volume I received

12/1/00 First complete draft circulated to GEF Council for review and
approval (two week review period).

1/8/01 Approved draft to desktopping/layout

1/22/01 Final version to printer

2. ***Council Members are invited to submit their comments on the attached outline of the report to the Secretariat by November 17, 2000.***

October 2000 Draft Outline Volume I

The Difference GEF Makes (working title)

2000 GEF Annual Report (will be circulated from January to September 2001)

GEF's 1998 Annual Report, *Early Impacts, Promising Futures*, contained a compendium of results and trends at the project level. Its 1999 Annual Report describes seven ways in which GEF is institutionally positioned to deliver on its mission of *Safeguarding the Earth*. With the third GEF replenishment process now underway, the 2000 Annual Report will look more closely at *The Difference GEF Makes*.¹

I. Part I – THE NARRATIVE

A. Letter from the CEO & Chairman (2 pages)

1. Over the past decade, GEF has taken action on countless fronts to ensure the health of our planet.
2. Monitoring and evaluation studies and the testimony of people involved in our work indicates the results are positive.
3. Winning the war (and not just the battles) against biodiversity loss, climate change, and land and water degradation means accelerating, magnifying, and multiplying these changes many times over.
4. GEF is marshalling its resources behind consolidated strategies and partnerships that are increasingly doing just that.

B. The Difference GEF Makes (32 pages)

This section will draw on monitoring and evaluation findings and additional in-depth interviews to bring forward a collection of concise stories attesting to the difference GEF has made and will increasingly make. In each case, these 2-4 page articles will begin with “testimony” from individuals but lead into a broader discussion of key points as they apply to broad groups of GEF beneficiaries and partners. The discussion will be illustrated with photographs, charts, graphs, and maps. We are pursuing the following stories – with the final selection of “witnesses” based on the most telling and compelling results.²

1. How a renewed emphasis on dialogue, capacity building, and a programmatic approach are scaling up GEF's commitment to public participation, “country driven-ness”, and “mainstreaming” the global environment. (Interview candidates include operational focal points, other government, NGO and business leaders.)
2. How new directions emphasizing the productive landscape (new OPs on integrated ecosystem management and agrobiodiversity and the new land/water team) spring from GEF experience and what they promise for the

¹ In 2001 and 2002, GEF reports can be linked to themes highlighted at Rio+10 and the second GEF Assembly.

² This section will be balanced across regions, focal areas, implementing agencies, etc.

future. (Interview candidates include farmers, protected area managers, biodiversity, waters, land degradation experts, STAP.)

3. How GEF's efforts toward clean air, water, energy, and transport serve the most vulnerable: women, children, indigenous people, rural communities, the urban poor, and other economically disadvantaged communities. (Interview candidates include grassroots groups, NGOs, women's organizations, families.)
4. How GEF's support of the Millennium Assessment and similar broad-based scientific initiatives, as well as targeted research, is creating the context for sound, holistic strategies. (Interview candidates include in-country scientists and international experts, with freshwater and POPs issues possible highlights.)
5. How GEF's strategically integrated support of the major environmental conventions (CBD, UNFCCC, CCD) is bringing these international laws to life through capacity development, enabling activities, and the GEF project portfolio. (Interview candidates include government leaders and Convention leaders.)
6. How GEF, already the world leader in promoting renewable energy in developing countries, is engaging the private sector and other partners to replicate and sustain its successes. (Interview candidates include "hands-on" local business people in GEF projects and CEOs of larger companies.)
7. How strategic partnerships (including with GEF's implementing agencies) and expanded opportunities for executing GEF projects are opening doors to scaled-up impacts. (Interview candidates include key players at regional development banks and the implementing agencies.)
8. How NGO participation in GEF's work (in terms of conservation finance, medium-size projects, small grants program, and NGO consultations) makes a growing difference. (Interview candidates include NGOs but also other partners.)
9. How GEF's ozone focal area made a difference through its phase-out efforts. (Interview candidates include country spokespeople and the Nobel laureates.)
10. How GEF-supported transboundary cooperation around shared rivers, lakes, and other water bodies is paying off for all parties involved. (Interview candidates include government and other leaders, as well as local people benefited.)

C. Talking Points Year 2000 (to become a regular feature of GEF annual reports)
(8 pages)

1. Fiscal year milestones in GEF's life as an institution. (GEF retreat, STAP sessions, relevant focal area/team developments, Global Environment Leadership Award).
2. Preparations for the second *Study of GEF's Overall Performance* and other monitoring and evaluation highlights.
3. Inputs to CSD and other UN activities. Preparations for Rio+10.
4. Looking ahead to the GEF Assembly.

D. Year 2000 New Project Listing (4 pages)

Draft Annual Report 2000
Volume II: Financial Statements

(Note: Volume II is not available in electronic form. Copies of Volume II will be available at the Council meeting and may also be obtained by sending a request for a copy to the GEF Secretariat. The complete final report will be posted on the Web when it is published.)