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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

GEF Council Meeting
Washington, D.C.
February 22 - 24, 1995

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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. Lennart Bage. Mr. Bage represents the constituency composed of Estonia, Finland and Sweden. This meeting's elected Chairperson will be nominated by the recipient Council Members.
3. Consistent with paragraph 18, 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 and Climate Change Conventions followed by questions and answers", agenda item 5, "Statement on behalf of NGOs participating in the NGO consultation", agenda item 7, "Administrative Budget of the GEF for 1995", agenda item 9, "Criteria for selection of NGOs to attend/observe Council meetings and information on NGO consultations", and agenda item 13, "Report to first Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change".
4. The elected Chairperson and the CEO will jointly chair the Council meeting during discussions on agenda item 14, "Other business", and agenda item 15, "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.3/1. *The Council is invited to adopt its agenda for the meeting.*

Agenda Item 4

Statements on behalf of Biological Diversity and Climate Change Conventions 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 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 the Council Members to address questions to the representative. In this regard, the Members' attention is also drawn to: document GEF/C.3/Inf.6, *Decision of the First Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on Financial Resources and Mechanism*, which will also be reviewed under agenda item 14; document GEF/C.3/10, *Report by the GEF to the First Conference of the Parties of the Framework Convention on Climate Change*, which will be reviewed under agenda item 13; and document GEF/C.3/Inf.2, *Provision of Technical Assistance for Enabling Activities and National Communications concerning the Framework Convention on Climate Change*, which will be reviewed under agenda item 14.

Agenda Item 5

Statement on behalf of NGOs participating in the NGO consultation
(Elected Chairperson chairs)

8. At its second meeting, the Council requested the CEO to convene an NGO consultation in accordance with pilot phase practice prior to the third Council meeting. An NGO consultation will be convened by the CEO on February 21, 1995. A representative of the NGOs will be invited to make a general statement to the Council on the proceedings of the consultation. An opportunity for a question and answer period after the NGO statement will be provided if Council Members need clarification or more information on any issue raised in the statement.

Agenda Item 6

Projects proposed for Council approval
(CEO chairs)

9. Documents GEF/C.3/3 and GEF/C.3/3/Add.1, *Projects Proposed for Approval*, present thirteen project proposals for review by the Council. These project proposals have been developed by the Implementing Agencies, reviewed by the GEF Operations Committee (GEFOP) and recommended by the CEO. They are consistent with the guidance for the programming of GEF resources in 1995 approved by the Council at its second meeting. *The Council is invited to review the proposed project proposals with a view to approving them for further development.*
10. *The Council is also invited to take note of the policies of the Implementing Agencies with regard to information disclosure and consultation presented in document GEF/C.3/Inf.7 and to confirm that pending adoption by the Council of GEF policies for information disclosure and consultation, each agency should fully comply throughout the project cycle with its policies as presented in the document.*

Agenda Item 7

Administrative Budget of the GEF for 1995 (Elected Chairperson chairs)

11. At the request of the second Council meeting, the Secretariat coordinated the preparation of a proposed GEF administrative budget for fiscal year 1995. The proposed budget is presented in document GEF/C.3/4, *Proposed Administrative Budget of the GEF for FY 95*. The document includes information on the proposed administrative budgets of the three Implementing Agencies, the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel and its Secretariat, the Trustee, and the GEF Secretariat. *The Council is invited to review the proposed budget with a view to approving the GEF Budget for FY 95.*

Agenda Item 8

Project Development and Preparation Facility (PDF) (CEO chairs)

12. At its second meeting, the Council requested the Secretariat to prepare a document on the Project Development and Preparation Facility (PDF) elaborating upon: (i) the criteria that would help guide the selection of projects for PDF financing; (ii) the approach that would be taken to monitor resource allocation and deployment, including reporting requirements; and (iii) Implementing Agencies' best practice on project preparation funding. Document GEF/C.3/6, *The Project Development and Preparation Facility (PDF)*, has been prepared in response to the request of the Council. *The Council is invited to review the document with a view to approving the policies on eligibility for, and use of, PDF resources.*

Agenda Item 9

Criteria for selection of NGOs to attend/observe Council meetings and information on NGO consultation
(Elected Chairperson chairs)

13. At its second meeting, the Council invited the Secretariat to prepare documentation on two issues concerning NGO contributions to GEF Council meetings: (i) criteria for selection of NGO representatives to attend or observe Council meetings, and (ii) the scope, cost implications, and other modalities concerning the organization of NGO consultations. The Secretariat has prepared document GEF/C.3/5, *Criteria for Selection of NGOs to attend/observe Council Meetings and Information on NGO Consultations*, to address these two issues. *The Council is invited to review the document with a view to approving the criteria for the selection of NGO representatives to attend or observe GEF Council meetings together with the procedures for accrediting NGOs to the GEF. The Council is also invited to provide guidance to the Secretariat on the organization and financing of semi-annual NGO consultations in conjunction with the regular meetings of the Council and regional consultations.*

Agenda Item 10

Scope and preliminary operational strategy for International Waters
(CEO chairs)

14. At its second meeting, the Council reviewed document GEF/C.2/9, *Scoping of GEF Activities concerning International Waters*, and requested the Secretariat to revise the scoping paper and to prepare for the Council's consideration an operational strategy. Document GEF/C.3/7, *Scope and Preliminary Operational Strategy for International Waters*, includes a revised description of the scope of this focal area and a preliminary operational strategy for 1995, including priorities for funding and criteria for project selection. *The Council is invited to review the document with a view to approving the scope and preliminary operational strategy for international waters.*

Agenda Item 11

**Scope and preliminary operational strategy for Land Degradation
(CEO chairs)**

15. At its second meeting, the Council reviewed document GEF/C.2/10, *Preliminary Issues relating to GEF Activities concerning Land Degradation*, and requested the Secretariat to revise the paper and to prepare for the Council's consideration an operational strategy. Document GEF/C.3/8, *Scope and Preliminary Operational Strategy for Land Degradation*, includes a description of the scope and a preliminary operational strategy for 1995, including an outline of the kinds of activities that may be funded by the GEF in the interface between land degradation and the GEF focal areas. *The Council is invited to review the document with a view to approving the scope and preliminary operational strategy for land degradation.*

Agenda Item 12

**Accountability of Implementing Agencies for activities of executing agencies
(CEO chairs)**

16. At the second Council meeting, some questions were raised concerning the accountability of an Implementing Agency for activities carried out by an executing agency collaborating with it on a GEF-financed project. In this regard, the Secretariat was requested to prepare a paper on the relationship, including the monitoring of GEF resources, between the Implementing Agencies and the executing agencies. The Secretariat requested each Implementing Agency to provide information on how that agency would work with, and supervise, the activities of executing agencies working through it. The information provided by the Implementing Agencies is presented in *Accountability of Implementing Agencies for Activities of Executing Agencies*, document GEF/C.3/9,. *The Council is invited to review the document with a view to confirming that the procedures to be followed by the Implementing Agencies provide a sufficient basis on which the Implementing Agencies can fulfill their responsibilities to the Council for GEF-financed activities.*

Agenda Item 13

**Report to first Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change
(Elected Chairperson chairs)**

17. At its tenth session, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted Decision 10/3 entitled, *Temporary Arrangements between the Committee and the Global Environment Facility.*

This decision was submitted to the second Council meeting in document GEF/C.2/11. Decision 10/3 requests that the GEF submit to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Framework Convention on Climate Change a report containing information on the development of an operational strategy in the climate change area and on the initial activities in this field. Document GEF/C.3/10 includes a draft report that has been prepared in response to that request. *The Council is invited to review the draft report and approve it for submission to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Framework Convention on Climate Change.*

Agenda Item 14

Other business
(Jointly chaired)

- (a) **Provision of Assistance for Enabling Activities and National Communications concerning the Framework Convention on Climate Change**
(CEO chairs)
18. Document GEF/C.3/Inf.2, which describes the manner in which the GEF will make arrangements for funding enabling activities and preparations for the national communications related to the Framework Convention on Climate Change, was jointly prepared by the Interim Secretariat of the FCCC and the Secretariat of the GEF. It is also being transmitted to the eleventh session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change, New York, February 6-17, 1995. *The Council is invited to review this document and to take note of the manner in which the GEF will make arrangements for funding such enabling activities and preparations for national communications.*
- (b) **Decision of the First Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on Financial Resources and Mechanism**
(Elected Chairperson chairs)
19. At the first Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in Nassau from November 28 to December 9, 1994, the Parties adopted a decision entitled, "Financial Resources and Mechanism." The full text of the decision is presented in document GEF/C.3/Inf.6. *The Council is invited to review the decision and to take note of the policy, strategy, program priorities and eligibility criteria adopted by the*

Parties. The Council is also invited to note the intention of the Parties, through its Secretariat, to consult with the GEF on the content of a memorandum of understanding to govern the relations between the Parties and the GEF and to authorize the Secretariat to carry out the appropriate consultations with the Secretariat of the CBD.

(c) Miscellaneous

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

Agenda Item 15

Joint Summary of the Chairs
(Jointly chaired)

21. 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 appended to the Chairs' joint summary.

**PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR
GEF COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 22-24, 1995**

Wednesday, February 22

Morning session
9:30am - 1:00pm

- Agenda Item 1. Opening of meeting
- Agenda Item 2. Election of a Chairperson ✓
- Agenda Item 3. Adoption of the agenda ✓
- Agenda Item 4. Statements on behalf of Biological Diversity and Climate Change Conventions followed by questions and answers
- Agenda Item 5. Statement of NGOs participating in the NGO consultation
- Agenda Item 6. Projects proposed for Council approval. (Introduction of paper)

Afternoon session
2:30pm - 6:00pm

- Agenda Item 6. Projects proposed for Council approval. (Section 1. Climate Change and Section 2. Ozone Depleting Substances)

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Thursday, February 23

Morning session
9:00am - 1:00pm

- Agenda Item 7. Administrative Budget of the GEF for 1995
(Executive session)

Afternoon session
2:30pm - 6:00pm

- Agenda Item 6. Projects proposed for Council approval. (Section 3. Biological Diversity)

Evening session
7:00pm - 10:30pm

- Agenda Item 8. Project Development and Preparation Facility
- Agenda Item 9. Criteria for selection of NGOs to attend/observe Council meetings and information on NGO consultations
- Agenda Item 12. Accountability of Implementing Agencies for activities of executing agencies

Friday, February 24

Morning session
9:00am - 1:00pm

Agenda Item 10. Scope and preliminary operational strategy for International waters

Agenda Item 11. Scope and preliminary operational strategy for Land Degradation

Afternoon session
2:30pm - 5:00pm

Agenda Item 13. Report to first Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change

Agenda Item 14. Other business

Break

Agenda Item 15. Joint summary of the Chairs