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Introduction

1. This document presents project proposals recommended by the CEO for approval by the Council in accordance with paragraph 20(c) of the Instrument.
2. These project proposals are consistent with the guidance for the programming of GEF resources in 1995 approved by the Council at its second meeting (November 1-3, 1994).¹
3. On the basis of the guidance received from the Council at its second meeting, the CEO prepared guidelines to be followed in preparing proposals to be submitted to the Secretariat for further consideration and transmitted the guidelines to the Implementing Agencies.
4. The CEO also established the GEF Operations Committee (GEFOP). The GEFOP is responsible, among other things, for reviewing all GEF project proposals suggested by the Implementing Agencies for inclusion in the proposals to be submitted by the Secretariat to the Council, and to recommend to the CEO what action should be taken with respect to such projects proposals.
5. The GEFOP consists of staff from the three Implementing Agencies, the GEF Secretariat, and the Chair of the STAP. Representatives of the Biological Diversity Convention and of the Framework Convention on Climate Change are also invited to attend relevant GEF meetings, as appropriate.
6. The first GEFOP meeting was held on December 14, 1994. At its first meeting, GEFOP considered projects that were consistent with one of the following program components authorized by the Council:
 - (a) Enabling Activities - Climate Change,
 - (b) Selected preferential projects - Climate Change, and
 - (c) Phase-out of ozone depleting substances.
7. The CEO instructed the Implementing Agencies that the level of funding for all projects proposed under the three program components described above should not exceed \$80 million in accordance with the following ranges: (i) enabling activities: \$5-\$15 million; (ii) selected preferential projects: \$20-\$40 million; and (iii) phase-out of ozone depleting substances: \$20-\$30 million.
8. A second GEFOP meeting was held on January 19, 1995, to consider enabling activities and selected preferential projects related to Biological Diversity. Biological Diversity projects were not considered at the first GEFOP meeting, since the Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies were waiting for guidance from the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (November 28-December 9, 1994) before proposing projects. For the purposes of the second GEFOP meeting, the CEO determined that the level of funding for biological diversity enabling activities and preferential projects should not exceed \$50 million.

¹ See the Joint Summary of the Chairs for the GEF Council Meeting, November 1-3, 1994, Appendix, Council Decision on Agenda Item 9, *Guidance for Programming GEF Resources in 1995*.