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JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRS GEF COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 22-24, 2009

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting was opened by Ms. Monique Barbut, Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the Facility.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

2. The Council elected Mr. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah, the Council Member representing the constituency of Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Togo as its elected Co-Chair.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The Council approved the provisional agenda set forth in document GEF/C.35/1/Rev.2.

STATEMENTS BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE CONVENTIONS

4. The Council heard statements from Ms. Preeti Bhandari, representing Mr. Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Mr. Donald Cooper, Executive Secretary, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Mr. Paul Horwitz, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, Ms. Marcia Levaggi, Manager of the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat, and Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification.

DECISIONS

5. The Council approved the following decisions with respect to the items on its agenda:

Decision on Agenda Item 5 Relations with the Conventions

6. The Council considered document GEF/C.35/3/Rev.1, *Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions*, and welcomed the proposed activities to implement the guidance and decisions that have been approved by the Conferences of the Parties to the global environmental conventions. The Council requested the Secretariat and the GEF

Agencies to continue to work with recipient countries to reflect the guidance and national priorities in their GEF programming and activities.

Decision on Agenda Item 6 Report by the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

7. The Council, noting that the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel had previously provided to the Council *A Science Vision for GEF-5: Proposals from the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel* (GEF/C.34/Inf.14), and further noting the *Draft Report of the April 2009 STAP Meeting* (GEF/C.35/Inf.9), welcomed and endorsed the recommendations of STAP regarding science and technology guidance provided in document GEF/C.35/13, *Recommendations for Improved Science and Technology Guidance in the GEF*.

Decision on Agenda Item 7 Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report-2009 and Management Response

8. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.35/1, *Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report-2009*, document GEF/ME/C.35/2, *Management Response to the Annual Country Portfolio Evaluation Report-2009*, and having taken note of the three Country Portfolio Evaluations in Cameroon, Egypt, and Syria (GEF/ME/C.34/Inf. 3 and GEF/ME/C.35/Inf. 2-3) requested the Secretariat to:
 - (a) Explore within the GEF partnership modalities to address the significant gap of available resources for combating land degradation to support key challenges facing countries like Egypt, Syria, and Cameroon;
 - (b) Conduct a survey of countries in exceptional situations concerning limited access to GEF partner International Financial Institutions, like Syria.

Decision on Agenda Item 8 Peer Review of the GEF Evaluation Function

9. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.35/3, *Peer Review of the GEF Evaluation Function*, requested the Evaluation Office to take the findings and recommendations of the Peer Review, as well as comments made during the Council meeting, into account when preparing a revision of the GEF Monitoring and Evaluation Policy, to be presented to Council at its meeting in the second half of 2010. Furthermore, the main findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Peer Review should be incorporated in the Fourth Overall Performance Study of the GEF.

Decision on Agenda Item 9 Four-Year Work Program and FY10 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office

10. The Council reviewed document GEF/ME/C.35/4/Rev.1, *Four-Year Work Program and FY10 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office*, but postponed adopting a decision on this agenda item pending its discussion under agenda item 16. The text of the decision can be found under agenda item 16.

Decision on Agenda Item 10 Re-Appointment of the Director of the Evaluation Office

11. The Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Mr. Robert van den Berg as Director of the GEF Evaluation Office for a second five year term. The Council commended Mr. van den Berg for the high-quality of the work of the Evaluation Office during his tenure.

Decision on Agenda Item 11 GEF Agency Fiduciary Standards

12. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.35/5, *Status of the GEF Agencies with Respect to Minimum Fiduciary Standards*, requested:
- (a) for AfDB: that no funding be provided until a report by the consultant is circulated for Council decision on a no-objection basis;
 - (b) for UNIDO: that a revised monitorable action plan be presented for Council decision on a no-objection basis before the next Council Meeting, after which date PIFs will not be approved failing the presentation of an adequate action plan;
 - (c) each GEF Agency that has not fully met the minimum fiduciary standards to provide to Council, on an annual basis, information on progress made towards fulfilling their action plan based on the timeframes and details outlined in the Action Plan Tracker in Annex C; and
 - (d) the Secretariat to manage a third party process to review minimum fiduciary standards in 2013, and every four years thereafter.

Decision on Agenda Item 12 GEF-5 System for Transparent Allocation of Resources

13. The Council, having reviewed document, GEF/35.4/Rev.1, *Revised Scenarios and Options for a "System for Transparent Allocation of Resources" in GEF-5*, recommended that the GEF Secretariat, in a consultative and participative manner, in line with the mandate of the GEF in helping countries generate global environmental benefits and taking into account information on the size of the GEF-5 replenishment:
- (a) Prepare additional documentation on eligibility, taking into consideration the following issues: active and inactive countries, UN Sanctions, and country status with respect to the relevant Conventions and the GEF Instrument;
 - (b) Continue developing and refining Option A, including possible incorporation of elements proposed in Option B;
 - (c) Prepare another option with a composite allocation per country, if feasible, that:

- does not include International Waters, which would remain outside the scope of the STAR;
 - would seek to include biodiversity, climate change mitigation, land degradation, and chemicals;
 - provides flexibility in programming among the different GEF focal areas for countries with allocations below a certain threshold, particularly LDCs and SIDs;
 - includes mechanisms that help to ensure that overall programming targets for the different focal areas are met for countries with allocations higher than the above-mentioned threshold;
 - supports countries to implement the Conventions;
- (d) Prepare a new revision of the GBI for biodiversity and make suggestions for improving, the GBI in other focal areas and other allocation indicators;
- (e) Further develop and revise the GEF Performance Index; and
- (f) Convene another meeting of the ad hoc committee of the Council before the next Council Meeting.

Decision on Agenda Item 13 Approval of MoU between GEF Council and Kyoto Protocol CMP on Secretariat Services for Adaptation Fund Board

14. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.35/6, *Note on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Council of the Global Environment Facility Regarding Secretariat Services to the Adaptation Fund Board*, welcomed the opportunity to provide secretariat services to support the Adaptation Fund Board and approved the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Council of the Global Environment Facility Regarding Secretariat Services to the Adaptation Fund Board*, as contained in Annex 1 to document GEF/C.35/6, and authorized the GEF Secretariat to provide all secretariat services to the Adaptation Fund Board, as reflected in the MoU, the *Rules of Procedure of the Adaptation Fund Board*, the *Role and Responsibilities of the Adaptation Fund Secretariat*, and the *Provisional Operational Policies and Guidelines for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund*.
15. In approving this MoU, the Council clarified that the accountability of the Head of the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat referred to in paragraph 3 of the MoU apply solely to issues pertaining to the Adaptation Fund and the use of its resources.

Decision on Agenda Item 14 Reallocation of Remaining GEF-4 Resources

16. The Council, having reviewed the document GEF/C.35/12, *Reallocation of Remaining GEF-4 Resources*, agreed with the principles for allocating the remaining GEF-4 resources outlined in the paper. The Council mandated the Secretariat to implement the allocation of the remaining GEF-4 resources in accordance with these principles, and, in collaboration with the Trustee, to undertake periodic reviews of the projected available resources and to adjust the allocations as needed.
17. The Council further requested the Secretariat to inform Council about future adjustments of allocations between focal areas and to prepare a report on the status of used and unused resources for the November 2009 Council meeting.

Decision on Agenda Item 15 Work Program

18. The Council reviewed the proposed work program submitted to Council in document GEF/C.35/7 and approved the work program¹ comprising 60 project concepts and endorsed the concepts and objectives of 3 new programmatic approaches, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted to the Secretariat by July 8, 2009.
19. Total resources requested in this work program amounted to \$248.84 million, which included GEF project grants and Agency fees. The approved work program is comprised of the following 60 Project Identification Forms (PIFs), 28 of which are submitted under 11 programmatic approaches (3 of which are new ones seeking Council endorsement):

¹ The Council Member representing the United States of America, in light of its national legislation regarding its country's voting position for development projects financed by certain development institutions, opposed the following projects: **Cuba** : Enhancing the Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species in Vulnerable Ecosystems (UNDP); **Global (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Algeria, Egypt, Croatia, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Macedonia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Serbia)** : MED Sustainable MED Governance and Knowledge Generation (World Bank) ; **Syria** : MED Coastal Rivers and Orontes River Basins Water Resources Management Project (World Bank); and **Regional (Angola, Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Comoros, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Congo DR)** : AFLDC: Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the COMESA Subregion (UNEP/UNIDO).

BIODIVERSITY

- **Regional (Central African Republic, Congo, Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Congo DR) :** CBSP Sustainable Financing of Protected Area Systems in the Congo Basin (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,181,818)
- **Regional (Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Senegal, South Africa) :** Supporting the Development and Implementation of Access and Benefit Sharing Policies in Africa (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,177,300)
- **Regional (Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines) :** Sustainable Financing and Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystems (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,750,000)
- **Argentina :** Inter-jurisdictional System of Coastal-Marine Protected Areas (ISCMPA) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,177,727)
- **Bolivia :** Biodiversity Conservation through Sustainable Forest Management by Local Communities (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,500,000)
- **Brazil :** Integrated Management of the Ilha Grande Bay Ecosystem (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,400,000)
- **Cameroon :** CBSP Sustainable Community Based Management and Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem in Cameroon (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,733,182)
- **Central African Republic :** CBSP Strengthened Management of the National Protected Areas System through Involvement of Local Communities (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,768,182)
- **Costa Rica :** Consolidating Costa Rica's Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,212,027)
- **Cuba :** Enhancing the Prevention, Control and Management of Invasive Alien Species in Vulnerable Ecosystems (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,018,182)
- **El Salvador :** Mainstreaming Biodiversity Management into Fisheries and Tourism Activities carried out in Coastal /Marine Ecosystems (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,354,545)
- **India :** IND-BD Mainstreaming Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Conservation into Production Sectors in the Godavari River Estuary in Andhra Pradesh State (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,023,636)
- **India :** Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with Focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions (UNEP) (GEF Project

Grant : \$3,561,000)

- **Indonesia** : Promoting Sustainable Production Forest Management to Secure Globally Important Biodiversity (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,300,000)
- **Mexico** : Integrating Trade-offs between Supply of Ecosystem Services and Land Use Options into Poverty Alleviation Efforts and Development Planning (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,900,000)
- **Morocco** : MENARID - A Circular Economy Approach to Agro-Biodiversity Conservation in the Souss Massa Draa Region of Morocco (IFAD) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,647,272)
- **Pakistan** : Mountains and Markets: Biodiversity and Business in Northern Pakistan (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,793,182)
- **Panama** : Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation through Low-impact Ecotourism in the SINAP (IADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,000,000)
- **Papua New Guinea** : PAS Forest Conservation and Protected Area Management (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,000,000)
- **Philippines** : CTI Partnerships for Biodiversity Conservation: Mainstreaming in Local Agricultural Landscapes (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,500,000)
- **Tanzania** : Strengthening the Protected Area Network in Southern Tanzania: Improving the Effectiveness of National Parks in Addressing Threats to Biodiversity (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,304,550)
- **Venezuela** : Strengthening the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas System (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$7,445,455)

CLIMATE CHANGE

- **Regional (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda)** : Promoting Energy Efficiency in Buildings in Eastern Africa (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,853,000)
- **Algeria** : Integrated Approach for Zero Emission Project Development in the New Town of Boughzoul (UNEP) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,240,000)
- **Argentina** : Third National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,439,210)

- **Armenia** : LGGE Improving Energy Efficiency in Buildings (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,045,000)
- **Cambodia** : Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Improved Energy Efficiency in the Industrial Sector (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,240,000)
- **Chad** : SPWA-CC Promoting Renewable Energy Based Mini-grids for Rural Electrification and Productive Uses (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **Colombia** : Energy Efficiency Standards and Labels in Colombia (S&L Colombia) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,500,000)
- **Egypt** : Improving the Energy Efficiency of Lighting and Building Appliances (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,450,000)
- **Gambia** : SPWA-CC Promoting Renewable Energy Based Mini Grids for Productive Uses in Rural Areas in The Gambia (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **Ghana** : SPWA-CC Promoting of Appliance Energy Efficiency and Transformation of the Refrigerating Appliances Market in Ghana. (under West Africa Energy Program) (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,722,727)
- **Kazakhstan** : Energy Efficient Design and Construction in Residential Sector (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,568,500)
- **Liberia** : SPWA-CC Installation of Multi-purpose Mini-hydro Infrastructure (for energy & irrigation) (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **Malaysia** : CF Industrial Energy Efficiency for Malaysian Manufacturing Sector (IEEMMS) (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,200,000)
- **Nigeria** : SPWA-CC Mini-grids based on Renewable Energy (small-hydro and biomass) Sources to Augment Rural Electrification (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,667,273)
- **Nigeria** : SPWA-CC Promoting Energy Efficiency in Residential and Public Sector in Nigeria (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,677,273)
- **Peru** : Energy Efficiency Standards and Labels in Peru (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)
- **Sierra Leone** : SPWA-CC Promoting Mini Grids based on Small Hydropower for Productive Uses in Sierra Leone (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,758,182)
- **South Africa** : Market Transformation through Energy Efficiency Standards and Labeling of Appliances in South Africa (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,000,000)

- **Ukraine** : Improving Energy Efficiency and Promoting Renewable Energy in the Agro-Food and other Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Ukraine (UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,140,000)
- **Vietnam** : Vietnam Clean Production and Energy Efficiency Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,374,407)

INTERNATIONAL WATERS

- **Global (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Algeria, Egypt, Croatia, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Macedonia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Serbia)** : MED Sustainable MED Governance and Knowledge Generation (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,000,000)
- **Regional (Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia)** : MED Regional Coordination on Natural Resources Management and Capacity Building (TA) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,644,545)
- **Egypt** : MED Enhanced Water Resources Management (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$6,682,500)
- **Syria** : MED Coastal Rivers and Orontes River Basins Water Resources Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,050,000)
- **Tunisia** : MED Greater Tunis Treated Wastewater Discharge in the Mediterranean Sea. (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,000,000)

LAND DEGRADATION

- **China** : PRC-GEF Partnership - Capacity and Management Support for Combating Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,728,000)

MULTI FOCAL AREA

- **Global** : Development Market Place 2009: Adaptation to Climate Change (DM 2009) (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,000,000)
- **Algeria** : MENARID Conservation of Globally Significant Biodiversity and Sustainable Use of Ecosystem Services in Algeria's Cultural Parks (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,387,142)
- **Indonesia** : SFM Sustainable Forest and Biodiversity Management in Borneo (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,527,273)

- **Philippines** : CTI Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management Sector (ADB) (GEF Project Grant : \$3,530,000)
- **Tanzania** : SFM Sustainable Woodland Management in the Miombo Areas of Western Tanzania (UNDP/World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,745,000)

POPs

- **Regional (Angola, Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Comoros, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Congo DR)** : AFLDC: Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the COMESA Subregion (UNEP/UNIDO) (GEF Project Grant : \$5,000,000)
- **Egypt** : Integrated and Sustainable POPs Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$8,100,000)
- **Eritrea** : Prevention and Disposal of POPs and Obsolete Pesticides (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,150,000)
- **Honduras** : Strengthening National Management Capacities and Reducing Releases of POPs in Honduras (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$2,650,000)
- **Mozambique** : Disposal of POPs Wastes and Obsolete Pesticides (FAO) (GEF Project Grant : \$1,950,000)
- **Nigeria** : Less Burnt for a Clean Earth: Minimization of Dioxin Emission from Open Burning Sources (UNDP) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,150,000)
- **Tajikistan** : POPs Pesticide Elimination, Mitigation and Site Management Project (World Bank) (GEF Project Grant : \$4,021,200)

20. With respect to the following three new programmatic approaches, the Council endorsed their objectives and requested that future full-sized project (FSP) PIFs, to be financed under these programmatic approaches, be included in the work programs submitted to the Council for approval:

Biodiversity

- IND-BD: GEF Coastal and Marine Program (IGCMP)

International Waters

- MED: Mediterranean Environmental Sustainable Development Program "Sustainable MED"

POPs

- AFLDC Program: Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm Convention National Implementation Plans (NIPs) in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)

21. With respect to any PIF approved in this work program, either under one of the programmatic approaches or as a stand alone PIF, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council Members to receive a copy of the draft final project document that is submitted to the CEO for endorsement. Council Members may transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing a project document for final approval by the GEF Agency.

Decision on Agenda Item 16 FY10 Business Plan and Corporate Budget

22. The Council, after having reviewed the *GEF Business Plan and Corporate Budget for FY10* (GEF/C.35/8), took note of the business plan and approved a FY10 Corporate Budget of \$26.825 million, comprising:

- (a) \$17.809 million for the Secretariat;
- (b) \$2.108 million for the STAP;
- (c) \$2.884 million for the Trustee; and
- (d) \$4.024 million for the Evaluation Office.

23. In approving the FY10 budget for the Trustee, the Council agreed with the proposal to resume the financing of audit costs incurred by the GEF Agencies in respect of audits of the financial statements on GEF resources received by Agencies for projects and project preparation activities.

24. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/ME/C.35/4/Rev.1, *Four-Year Work Program and FY10 Budget of the GEF Evaluation Office*, approved a budget of \$4,024,382 for FY10 to cover the cost of operating the GEF Evaluation Office and implementing its work program, including the completion of OPS4.

25. Regarding FY11 through FY14, Council took note of the proposed work program and activities and requested the Office to prepare annual budgets for Council consideration and approval in each of its June meetings.

Decision on Agenda Item 17 GEF Trust Fund for Selected GEF-4 Programs

26. The Council, having reviewed the document, *Options for Enhanced Financial Support to Selected GEF-4 Programs* (GEF/C.35/10), considered **Option A – Business-as-usual (status quo)** - as the most cost-effective and viable option for enhancing financial support to these three GEF-4 Programs.

Decision on Agenda Item 18 Recommendations Concerning Certain Appointment, Reappointment and Performance Objectives Review Processes

27. The Council, having reviewed *Recommendations Concerning Certain Appointment, Reappointment and Performance Objectives Review Processes* (GEF/C.35/9), approved the recommendations contained within and, in particular, agreed to:
- (a) Recommend to the Fourth GEF Assembly the following amendment to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility (the “Instrument”):

Replace the third through the fifth sentence of paragraph 21 as follows: “... The CEO shall be appointed to serve for four years on a full time basis by the Council. The CEO may be reappointed by the Council for one additional four year term.”
 - (b) Create a Council Selection and Review Committee to oversee the processes for appointing and reappointing the GEF CEO/Chairperson and the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office and for conducting GEF CEO/Chairperson and Director of the GEF Evaluation Office performance objectives reviews. In the process for selecting the CEO, this Committee will consult with different stakeholders, in particular the Implementing and Executing Agencies.
 - (c) Adopt the processes set forth in this document for conducting performance objectives reviews of GEF CEO/Chairperson and Director of the GEF Evaluation Office immediately.
 - (d) Effective as of the time the Amendment becomes effective pursuant to Paragraph 34 of the Instrument, adopt the processes set forth in this document for appointing and reappointing the GEF CEO/Chairperson and the Director of the GEF Evaluation Office.

Decision on Agenda Item 19 Organization of the Fourth GEF Assembly

28. The Council, having reviewed *Note on the Organization of the Fourth GEF Assembly* (GEF/C.35/11) approved the dates proposed to hold the Assembly in Punta del Este, Uruguay.
29. The Council requested the Secretariat to prepare for the next Council meeting a report on the progress that has been achieved in preparing the Assembly.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

30. The meeting closed on June 24, 2009.