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NOTICE OF COUNCIL APPROVAL OF DECISION CONCERNING DIRECT ACCESS OF AGENCIES

1. In accordance with paragraphs 43 to 45 of the Rules of Procedure for the LDCF/SCCF Council (the Rules), on October 3, 2007, the GEF CEO transmitted to the Council, and to all other relevant parties as required under paragraphs 17-22 of the Rules, a Decision for Council approval without meeting. The subject of this Decision is providing GEF Implementing and Executing Agencies direct access to the LDCF and the SCCF for the preparation and implementation of activities financed by the funds.
2. As no objection to the approval of this Decision was raised by any Member within the requisite two week period, this Decision was formally approved under paragraph 45 of the Rules.
3. Attached as Annex I is the letter transmitted to Council and all other relevant parties by the GEF CEO on October 3, 2007, requesting Council approval of this Decision.
4. Attached as Annex II is the letter transmitted to Council and all other relevant parties by the GEF CEO on November 6, 2007, announcing Council approval of this Decision.

ANNEX I

LETTER TO COUNCIL REQUESTING APPROVAL OF DECISION



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October 3, 2007

Dear LDCF/SCCF Council Member,

In establishing the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF), the Trustee completed the legal and administrative arrangements necessary of the establishment and operation of each fund as a separate trust fund from the GEF Trust Fund. Each fund was established as a multi-donor trust fund, and the Trustee has concluded with each of the donors to the trust fund a trust fund administration agreement (the administration agreement). All participants in the fund are called upon to agree with (1) the development objectives and scope of the trust fund which is to reflect the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties, and (2) the financial and operational framework of the trust fund.

Currently, the standard provisions set out in the administration agreement for the respective trust fund provide access only to the three GEF Implementing Agencies for projects to be financed by the fund.

As the seven Executing Agencies of the GEF have deepened their experience in working with the GEF, and recognizing the steps that have been taken since the establishment of the LDCF and the SCCF to “level the planning field” among the Implementing and Executing Agencies for purposes of the GEF Trust Fund, it is proposed that the seven Executing Agencies should have direct access to the LDCF and the SCCF for the preparation and management of projects as they do for the GEF Trust Fund. Initial experience with the preparation of projects under the LDCF and the SCCF indicates that the scope of activities to be financed will require a wide range of expertise and experience in the countries, and that developing countries would welcome the opportunity to choose among all the GEF agencies in developing project proposals to be financed by the funds.

In order to ensure equal access by all GEF agencies to the LDCF and the SCCF, and in accordance with paragraphs 43 to 45 of the Rules of Procedure for the GEF Council, I hereby request the Council to approve the following decision by mail:

The LDCF/SCCF Council agrees that the GEF Implementing and Executing Agencies should have direct access to the LDCF and the SCCF for the preparation and implementation of activities financed by the fund and requests the Trustee to take the necessary legal and administrative steps to ensure such access. The Trustee is also requested to enter into appropriate administrative arrangements with the Implementing

and Executing Agencies with respect to procedures for the transfer of the LDCF and SCCF funds and appropriate reporting requirements.

I would appreciate receiving your approval of this proposed decision by **October 17, 2007**. I would like to remind you that, in accordance with paragraph 45 of the rules of procedure, this decision will be approved unless I receive an objection from a Council Member by that date.

Sincerely,

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Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson

ANNEX II

LETTER TO COUNCIL ANNOUNCING APPROVAL OF DECISION



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November 6, 2007

Dear Council Member,

I am writing in reference to my letter of October 3, 2007, whereby we circulated for Council approval the decision to ensure equal access to all GEF agencies to the LDCF and the SCCF.

I am pleased to inform you that we received no objections to the proposed decision. The following decision was therefore approved by mail:

The LDCF/SCCF Council agrees that the GEF Implementing and Executing Agencies should have direct access to the LDCF and SCCF for the preparation and implementation of activities financed by the fund and requests the Trustee to take the necessary legal and administrative steps to ensure such access. The Trustee is also requested to enter into appropriate administrative arrangements with the Implementing and Executing Agencies with respect to procedures for the transfer of the LDCF and SCCF funds and appropriate reporting requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbut", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.