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Dear Council Members,


On April 2 we updated you on the Committee's plans regarding consultations with Council members on the GEF CEO shortlist. We are pleased that since then, we have had the opportunity to consult with most of you directly, notwithstanding difficulties due to travel and other commitments on both sides. We want to thank you for your valuable guidance and constructive comments which have been very helpful to us in completing our task as per the mandate given to us by the GEF Instrument.

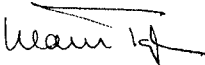
We have taken seriously the questions that several of you have raised with respect to the search process, and hope that our various communications to you have helped clarify them. We fully share a common interest in upholding the integrity of a search process that aims at finding the best available candidate to serve as the next GEF CEO.

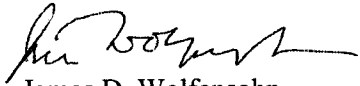
As planned, the Committee has met again to take stock of all the feedback and observations that you have provided us. With that in mind, and continuing to be guided by the selection criteria, we have now narrowed the shortlist to one name. In arriving at that name, we have noted the strength of all three candidates and in particular that of Dr. Len Good and Ms. Kristalina I. Georgieva, an assessment that was confirmed by your feedback. It is our considered view that both of these candidates have the qualifications to take on the leadership of the GEF.

However, our responsibility is to explicitly indicate to you our final recommendation. Consequently, and having considered all relevant aspects, especially your feedback, we have jointly determined that Dr. Good, who was placed by us at the top of the three name shortlist, should be our final recommendation. It is our belief that he best meets the composite of the selection criteria and has the qualifications, experience, maturity and stature required to lead the GEF into its challenging next phase.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Committee is pleased, therefore, to recommend to you that Dr. Len Good be selected as the new CEO/Chairperson of the GEF.


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