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Excerpts from the Joint Summary of the Chairs

Decision on Agenda Item 13. Work Program for GEF Trust Fund

16. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.56/08/Rev.01, *Work Program for the GEF Trust Fund*, approves the Work Program comprising 31 projects and 7 programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by June 27, 2019².

² The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons and whose governments do not have in place a functioning and transparent military audit, opposes the

17. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$865.9 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Program Framework Documents (PFDs) and Project Identification Forms (PIFs):

Impact Programs

18. **Global, Burundi, China, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine, Viet Nam:** Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Impact Program, World Bank, UNDP, IFAD, WWF-US, CI, UNIDO, UNEP, FAO (GEF Program Financing: \$213,268,554) (GEF ID 10201)

19. **Global, Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malawi, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe:** Sustainable Forest Management Impact Program on Dryland Sustainable Landscapes, FAO, World Bank, IUCN, WWF-US (GEF Program Financing: \$95,844,674) (GEF ID 10206)

20. **Regional, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Congo DR, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon:** The Congo Basin Sustainable Landscapes Impact Program (CBSL IP), UNEP, IUCN, World Bank, WWF-US (GEF Program Financing: \$57,201,127) (GEF ID 10208)

21. **Regional, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname:** Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program - Phase II, World Bank, CI, FAO, IFAD, UNDP, UNIDO, CAF, WWF-US (GEF Program Financing: \$88,305,273) (GEF ID 10198)

Other Programs

22. **Global, Antigua And Barbuda, Armenia, Burundi, Chile, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, India, Jamaica, Madagascar, Maldives, Peru, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, St. Lucia, Togo, Ukraine, Uzbekistan:** Global Programme to Support Countries with the Shift to Electric Mobility, UNEP, ADB, UNDP, EBRD (GEF Program Financing: \$30,019,317) (GEF ID 10114)

following projects and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: the Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR) Impact Program in China and Burundi; Congo Basin Sustainable Landscapes Impact Program (CBSL IP) in the Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, and Gabon; Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in SIDS in Comoros; Regional capacity building of COMESA member states in Eastern and Southern Africa for enhanced transparency in Climate Change Monitoring, Reporting and Verification as defined in the Paris Agreement in Comoros and Eritrea; Scaling-up Investment and Technology Transfer to Facilitate Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm and Minamata Conventions in African LDCs in Mauritania; Improvement of the environmental performance of the foam sector: Phase out and management of hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) in China; Fostering Water and Environmental Security in the Ma and Neun/Ca Transboundary River Basins and Related Coastal Areas in Laos; and Umbrella Programme for Preparation of National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Burundi, Mauritania, and South Sudan.

23. **Global, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Comoros, Cook Islands, Dominican Republic, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Guyana, Kiribati, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Vanuatu:** Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in SIDS (ISLANDS), UNEP, IADB, FAO, UNDP (GEF Program Financing: \$56,000,000) (GEF ID 10185)
24. **Global, Angola, Belize, Bhutan, Cambodia, Chad, Congo DR, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Namibia, Panama, South Africa:** Global Wildlife Program³, World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, WWF-US (GEF Program Financing: \$73,110,492) (GEF ID 10200)

Stand-alone Full-sized Projects

Biodiversity

25. **Azerbaijan:** Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity: Strengthening Network of Protected Areas through Advanced Governance and Management, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$2,639,726) (GEF ID 10113)
26. **Brazil:** Brazil Sustaining Healthy Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Project, World Bank (GEF Project Financing: \$14,478,899) (GEF ID 10190)
27. **Chile:** Economic Instruments and Tools to Support the Conservation of Biodiversity, the Payment of Ecosystem Services and Sustainable Development, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$2,300,000) (GEF ID 10213)
28. **Philippines:** Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,384,000) (GEF ID 10079)
29. **Philippines:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in the Philippines, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,436,210) (GEF ID 10123)

Climate Change

30. **Regional, Botswana, Comoros, Eritrea, Zambia, Seychelles:** Regional Capacity Building of COMESA Member States in Eastern and Southern Africa for Enhanced Transparency in Climate Change Monitoring, Reporting and Verification as Defined in the Paris Agreement, CI (GEF Project Financing: \$5,250,000) (GEF ID 10093)

³ This is a multi-trust fund project. Only the GEF Trust Fund component is presented in this Work Program. The LDCF or SCCF component is presented separately in the LDCF/SCCF Work Program.

31. **Belarus:** Sustainable Energy Scale-Up, World Bank (GEF Project Financing: \$3,653,000) (GEF ID 10152) ⁴

32. **India:** Capacity-building for Establishing an Integrated and Enhanced Transparency Framework for Climate Actions and Support Measures, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,800,000) (GEF ID 10194)

33. **Thailand:** Accelerating Construction of Energy Efficient Green Housing Units in Thailand, UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$3,141,142) (GEF ID 10189)

Land Degradation

34. **Ecuador:** LDN Target-Setting and Restoration of Degraded Landscapes in Western Andes and Coastal areas, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$4,416,210) (GEF ID 10184)

35. **Moldova:** Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project GEF Additional Financing, World Bank, (GEF Project Financing: \$3,105,023) (GEF ID 10191)

36. **South Africa:** Mainstreaming Sustainable Land Management (SLM) for Large-Scale Impact in the Grazing Lands of Limpopo and Northern Cape provinces in South Africa, IUCN (GEF Project Financing: \$3,629,816) (GEF ID 10179)

Chemicals and Waste

37. **Regional, Angola, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda, Zambia:** AFLDC-2 Scaling-up Investment and Technology Transfer to Facilitate Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm and Minamata Conventions in African LDCs, AfDB (GEF Project Financing: \$21,300,000) (GEF ID 10218)

38. **China:** Improvement of the Environmental Performance of the Foam Sector: Phase out and Management of Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) in China, UNIDO (GEF Project Financing: \$12,600,000) (GEF ID 10163)

39. **Colombia:** Strengthening National Capacity to Manage Industrial POPs within the Framework of National and International Guidelines on Chemical Substances and Hazardous Waste Management, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$5,187,000) (GEF ID 10202)

⁴ The United States, in light of its policies related to development projects in Belarus, abstains from participating in the decision on the following project: *Sustainable Energy Scale-Up* in Belarus.

International Waters

40. **Regional, Viet Nam, Laos:** Fostering Water and Environmental Security in the Ma and Neun/Ca Transboundary River Basins and Related Coastal Areas, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$8,000,000) (GEF ID 10193)

41. **Regional, Costa Rica, Panama:** Towards the Transboundary Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) of the Sixaola River Basin shared by Costa Rica and Panama, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,386,210) (GEF ID 10172)

42. **Regional, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras:** Fostering Water Security in the Trifinio Region: Promoting and Formulation of a TDA/SAP for its Transboundary Lempa River Basin, UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,800,000) (GEF ID 10108)

Multi-focal Area

43. **Regional, Grenada, Antigua And Barbuda, Belize, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia:** CSIDS-SOILCARE Phase1: Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Multi-country Soil Management Initiative for Integrated Landscape Restoration and Climate-resilient Food Systems, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$6,632,694) (GEF ID 10195)⁵

44. **Afghanistan:** Combating Land Degradation and Biodiversity Loss by Promoting Sustainable Rangeland Management and Biodiversity Conservation in Afghanistan, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$5,906,850) (GEF ID10169)

45. **Brazil:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Brazil, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,481,210) (GEF ID 10122)

46. **Costa Rica:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Costa Rica, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$2,081,945) (GEF ID 10124)

47. **Dominican Republic:** Integrated Productive Landscapes through Land Use Planning; Restoration, and Sustainable Intensification of Rice Crops in the Yaque Norte and Yuna Watersheds, World Bank (GEF Project Financing: \$ 4,063,927) (GEF ID 10216)

48. **Honduras:** Protecting Biodiversity and Recovering Degraded Ecosystems - RECOVER Honduras, UNDP, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$9,863,948) (GEF ID 10220)

49. **India:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in India, UNDP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,474,886) (GEF ID 10125)

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50. **India:** Transforming Agricultural Systems and Strengthening Local Economies in High Biodiversity Areas of India through Sustainable Landscape Management and Public-private Finance, UNEP, IUCN (GEF Project Financing: \$6,266,883) (GEF ID 10204)
51. **Timor Leste:** IKAN Adapt: Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity, Resilience and Biodiversity Conservation Ability of Fisheries and Aquaculture-dependent Livelihoods in Timor-Leste, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$1,766,484) (GEF ID 10181)⁶
52. **Trinidad and Tobago:** BIOREACH: Biodiversity Conservation and Agroecological Land Restoration in Productive Landscapes of Trinidad and Tobago, FAO (GEF Project Financing: \$3,752,162) (GEF ID 10188)
53. **Zambia:** Ecosystem Conservation and Community Livelihood Enhancement in North Western Zambia, UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$5,338,585) (GEF ID 10192)

Non-Expedited Enabling Activities

54. **Global, Burundi, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Benin, Dominica, Viet Nam, Yemen, Pakistan, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Suriname, Uganda, Fiji, Gambia, Mauritania:** Umbrella Programme for Preparation of National Communications (NCs) and Biennial Update Reports (BURs) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$9,900,360) (GEF ID 10167)
55. **Global, Ethiopia, Comoros, Kiribati, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, St. Kitts And Nevis, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Yemen:** Technology Needs Assessments (TNA) Phase IV, UNEP (GEF Project Financing: \$4,050,000) (GEF ID 10171)
56. With respect to the following 4 projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency.
57. **Philippines:** Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines, UNDP;
58. **Brazil:** Seventh Operational Phase of the GEF Small Grants Programme in Brazil, UNDP;

⁶ This is a multi-trust fund project. Only the GEF Trust Fund component is presented in this Work Program. The LDCF or SCCF component is presented separately in the LDCF/SCCF Work Program.

59. **Timor Leste:** IKAN Adapt: Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity, Resilience and Biodiversity Conservation Ability of Fisheries and Aquaculture-dependent Livelihoods in Timor-Leste, FAO; and

60. **Regional, Angola, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda, Zambia:** AFLDC-2 Scaling-up Investment and Technology Transfer to Facilitate Capacity Strengthening and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of Stockholm and Minamata Conventions in African LDCs, AfDB

61. With respect to the PIFs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs: (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures; and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the Work Program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.

62. With respect to any PIF approved in this Work Program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major amendments to the project since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.

63. With respect to the PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, the final child project documents fully incorporating and addressing the Council's and STAP reviews shall be circulated for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval.

64. The detailed funding decisions taken by the Council during this 56th session of the work program are part of the associated Annex I appended to this Joint Summary of the Chairs.

Decision on Agenda Item 13 (2nd decision). Work Program for GEF Trust Fund

65. The Council, having reviewed document GEF/C.56/08/Rev.01, *Work Program for the GEF Trust Fund*, and with the aim to further enhance transparency about the selection of lead agencies and recipient countries in the impact programs, requests the GEF Secretariat to share, by July 1, 2019, a report on the selection processes for the approved impact programs as well as the one that has not yet been approved.