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## **FINANCIAL MECHANISM**

### **OTHER MATTERS**

#### **Addendum**

### **ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO THE OPERATING ENTITY OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM**

#### **Co-Chairmen's text**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decisions 11/CP.1, 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 12/CP.2, 2/CP.4 and 8/CP.5 and [10/CP.5];

*[Noting* the extension of funding through the Global Environment Facility's (GEF) expedited procedures for countries to address capacity-building needs identified in decision 2/CP.4 enabling Parties to maintain and enhance relevant national capacities and for the preparation of second national communications in accordance with decision 8/CP.5].

*Noting* also the launching of the GEF's Country Dialogue Workshops (CDW) which have been designed to strengthen national coordination, capacity-building and to promote awareness raising and the results of the first phase of the GEF Capacity Development Initiative, a strategic partnership between the GEF Secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme, which was forwarded to Parties in accordance with decision 10/CP.5.

*Welcoming* the launch of negotiations on the third replenishment of GEF, and urging the Annex II Parties to [increase] their contributions to the GEF Trust Fund;

1. *Decides* that, in accordance with Articles 4.3, 4.5 and 11.1 of the Convention, the GEF, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, should provide financial resources to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and the Small Island Developing States amongst them, to:

- (a) [Implement country-driven Stage II adaptation activities that build upon work done at the national level, either in preparation of national communications or from in-depth national studies, and develop demonstration projects (“learning-by-doing”) aimed at identifying and subsequently implementing viable options for Stage III adaptation activities];
- (a) bis [Implement country-driven Stage II adaptation activities that build upon work done at the national level, either in preparation of national communications or from in-depth national studies in particularly vulnerable countries and regions identified in Stage I activities, and especially in countries vulnerable to climate-related natural disasters];
- (a) ter [Develop demonstration projects (“learning-by-doing”) aimed at identifying and subsequently implementing viable options for Stage III adaptation activities];
- (b) [Support the continuation of the “country-team” approach which enhances the collection, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of data on climate change issues and increases national commitment to the implementation of the objective of the Convention];
- (c) [Establish and/or strengthen national, subregional or regional databases on climate change];
- (d) [Enhance the capacity of their subregional and/or regional information networks to enable such networks to serve as repositories of climate change related information on vulnerability and adaptation assessments and geographic information systems];
- (e) [Improve climate change related data collection (e.g. local emission factors) and information gathering, as well as the analysis, interpretation and dissemination of this data to national policy-makers and other end-users];
- (f) [Establish and/or strengthen subregional and/or regional climate change related institutions and “centres of excellence”, to enable these centres and institutions to provide a supportive framework, including for information retrieval and technical support];
- (g) [Develop and implement prioritized projects identified in their national communications];
- (h) [On submission of their initial national communications, to undertake, in the preparation of their subsequent national communications, more in-depth public awareness and education activities and community involvement and participation in climate change issues];

- (i) [Capacity-building for disaster preparedness and disaster management, including contingency planning for droughts and floods in areas [prone to extreme weather events] [in areas most vulnerable to the adverse effect of climate change]];
  - (j) [Strengthen [existing and, where appropriate, establish] [the capacity to participate in] early warning systems for extreme weather events in an integrated and interdisciplinary manner to assist particularly vulnerable Parties].
2. [Requests] [Encourages] the GEF to:
- (a) [Continue its efforts aimed at minimizing the time between approval of project concepts, development and approval of the related projects, and the disbursement of funds by its Implementing Agencies to the recipient countries of those projects];
  - (a) bis [Further streamline its project cycle with a view to making project preparations simpler, less prescriptive, more transparent and country-driven];
  - (b) [ensure that its Implementing Agencies are] [encourage its Implementing Agencies to be] more responsive to requests for GEF assistance from developing country Parties for climate change related project activities aimed at implementing the guidance of the COP;
  - (c) Further enhance the use of national/regional experts and/or consultants in all aspects of project development and implementation. In this regard, it should make [its roster of national/regional experts and/or consultants available to developing country Parties through the institutions referred to in paragraphs 1 (e and/or g) above] [this information available to developing countries];
  - (d) [Further streamline its project cycle with a view to ensuring that there is only one GEF project cycle for all GEF activities within its Implementing Agencies];
  - (e) [Give consideration to recommending that its Second Assembly increases the number of Implementing Agencies, thereby ensuring that developing country Parties have more opportunities available to them for accessing GEF funds for climate change activities aimed at implementing the guidance of the COP].
3. *Further requests* the GEF to include in its report to the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties the specific steps it has taken to implement the provisions of this decision.