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FINANCIAL MECHANISM

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

Revised 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, 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,

Noting also the launching of the GEF's Country Dialogue Workshops (CDW), which have been designed to strengthen national coordination and 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,

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) [Strengthen the implementation of country-driven Stage II adaptation activities that build upon work done at the national level and in the context of national communications [and] [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];

or

(a) [Strengthen, in particularly vulnerable countries and regions identified in Stage I activities and especially countries vulnerable to climate-related natural disasters, the implementation of country-driven Stage II adaptation activities, further to decision 2/CP.4,

paragraph 1 (a), that builds upon work done at the national level, either in the context of national communications or from in-depth national studies.]

(b) [Develop demonstration projects (“learning-by-doing”) aimed at identifying and subsequently implementing viable options for future adaptation activities];

(c) Support the continuation of the “country-team” approach, which enhances the collection, management, archiving, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of data on climate change issues and increases national commitment to the implementation of the objective of the Convention;

(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 and regional factors) and information-gathering, as well as the analysis, interpretation and dissemination of these data to national policy makers and other end-users;

(f) Strengthen and where necessary establish:

(i) National, subregional or regional databases on climate change;

(ii) Subregional and/or regional climate change related institutions and “centres of excellence”, to enable these institutions and centres to provide a supportive framework, including for information retrieval and technical support;

(g) Develop and implement, as appropriate, prioritized projects identified in their national communications;

(h) Undertake 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 effects of climate change]];

(j) [Strengthen existing and, where needed, establish early warning systems for extreme weather events in an integrated and interdisciplinary manner to assist developing country Parties, in particular those most vulnerable to climate change];¹

(k) Support the continuation of GEF related programmes which assist Parties that are at various stages of preparing and/or completing their initial national communications;

¹ Text agreed by 4.8/1.9 Group; but the chapeau to that text has not been agreed.

2. *Invites* the GEF to:

(a) Continue its efforts to minimize the time between the approval of project concepts, the development and approval of the related projects, and the disbursement of funds by its Implementing/Executing Agencies to the recipient countries of those projects;

(b) Further streamline its project cycle with a view to making project preparations simpler, more transparent and country-driven. In this regard, the project cycles in its Implementing/Executing Agencies should be coordinated with the GEF project cycle;

(c) Urge its Implementing/Executing 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 Conference of the Parties;

(d) Further encourage the use of national/regional experts and/or consultants to enhance project development and implementation; in this regard, it should make its list of national/regional experts and/or consultants publicly available;

(e) Give consideration to measures to increase opportunities available to developing country Parties for accessing GEF funds for climate change activities aimed at implementing the guidance of the Conference of the Parties, including a review of the adequacy of the number of Implementing/Executing Agencies available to deliver GEF programmes and projects;

3. *Urges* the GEF to adopt a streamlined and expedited approach in financing activities within the framework for capacity-building in developing countries (non-Annex I Parties) contained in decision xx/CP.6;

4. *Requests* the GEF to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session the specific steps it has taken to implement the provisions of this decision and to include information on its implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries (non-Annex I Parties) contained in decision xx/CP.6;

5. [*Requests* the GEF to continue to provide financing where appropriate and, consistent with both the guidance of the Conference of the Parties and the mandate of the GEF, to [support the implementation of] implement the capacity-building framework annexed to decision xx/CP.6 and to further support, enhance and implement the GEF's capacity-building activities in accordance with this framework.]
