



REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA
MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES

Bogotá, November 3, 2004

Mr. Len Good
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Washington

Dear Mr. Good,

Please find the additional comments prepared by the constituency comprised of Colombia, Brazil and Ecuador related to Performance Based Allocation.

- It is not imperative that a new allocation system for the GEF be approved at the Council meeting in November. We believe this position is consistent with decisions previously agreed upon by the Council itself and with the replenishment recommendations.
- No evidence has been presented to date that the current system of resource allocation, based on the demand for projects by countries, as well as the monitoring and evaluation activities, result in an inefficient application of resources.
- Providing members with a clearer picture of performance by country should be limited to an assessment of a country's portfolio in the GEF and not include macro-indicators. Allocation of resources should not be conditional on the results of such assessment.
- The establishment of floors and ceilings for the allocation of resources seems to be in contradiction with the explicit purpose of a performance-based allocation system, which is to value optimal use of GEF resources. It is also an imperfect solution to the risk of discriminatory treatment against low-performing countries, pointed out in previous Council meetings by several delegations. A better solution would be to emphasize institutional strengthening and capacity building components of GEF projects, while

reinforcing monitoring and evaluation procedures of such projects, along the lines proposed in the previous paragraph.

- We still believe that the question of eligibility has not been adequately settled in the proposals submitted so far by the Secretariat. In the same vein, our assessment is that the relationship between the GEF and the decision-making bodies of environmental conventions needs to be more properly addressed. The GEF is not an end in itself, but an instrument for the achievement of global environmental benefits, with environmental conventions as references and sources of policy guidance.

To this respect, we would greatly appreciate it if you could send a copy of this note to all the Council Members and Alternates, as well as all the Political Focal Points.

Sincerely,

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