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EXCERPTS FROM THE JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.66/04, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, approves the Work Program comprising 46 projects and programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by March 6, 2024¹.
2. Total GEF resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$916.1 million, including GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs) and Program Framework Documents (PFDs):

Integrated Programs

3. **Global (Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Suriname, Ukraine).** Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development (GEF ID: 11467). Agency: ADB, WWF-US, UNEP; GEF Program Financing: \$23,794,476; Co-financing: \$408,915,662.
4. **Regional (Guinea-Bissau, Togo).** Guinean Forests (GEF-8 Amazon, Congo and Critical Forest Biomes Integrated Program) Addendum (February 2024). (GEF ID: 11391). Agency: CI, FAO, IUCN. GEF Program Financing: \$10,112,013; Co-financing: \$45,500,000.
5. **Global (Grenada, Jordan, Madagascar, Maldives, Mexico, Moldova, Panama, Peru, Sri Lanka, St. Kitts and Nevis, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, Viet Nam).** Clean and Healthy Ocean Integrated Program (CHO-IP). (GEF ID: 11349) Agency: World Bank, CAF, FAO, IADB, CI, UNEP, UNDP, EBRD, ADB. GEF Program Financing: \$100,338,691. Co-financing: \$748,061,993.
6. **Regional (Guyana).** Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program Phase 3 - Addendum Council Meeting Feb 5, 2024. (GEF ID: 11337) Agency: FAO, World Bank. GEF Program Financing: \$3,519,722. Co-financing: \$20,800,000.
7. **Global (Angola, Argentina, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Chad, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Ghana, Grenada, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, Nauru, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Türkiye, Uganda).** Food Systems Integrated Program. (GEF ID: 11214) Agency:

¹ • The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons; (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; and (iii) do not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security forces; and in light of its policies related to development projects in China; opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 11214 in China.

- The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments do not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security forces, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 11378 in Turkmenistan.

- The United States, in light of its concerns related to project implementation risks, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 11349 in Venezuela.

FAO, World Bank, UNDP, IUCN, IFAD. GEF Program Financing: \$252,162,398. Co-financing: \$2,201,647,507.

8. **Global (Colombia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guinea, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Paraguay, Philippines, Thailand, Uganda, Zambia).** Wildlife Conservation for Development Integrated Program. (GEF ID: 11148). Agency: CI, ADB, IUCN, WWF-US, UNEP, UNDP, World Bank. GEF Program Financing: \$135,002,132. Co-financing: \$892,098,548.

Other Programs

9. **Global (Algeria, Ecuador, Egypt, Malaysia, Namibia, Nigeria, Philippines, South Africa).** Global Clean Hydrogen Programme (GEF ID 11437). Agency: UNIDO. GEF Program Financing: \$13,129,820; Co-financing: \$141,196,891.

10. **Regional (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan).** Central Asia Water and Land Nexus (CAWLN) for Ecosystem Restoration, Improved Natural Resource Management and Increased Resilience (GEF ID 11378). Agency: FAO. GEF Program Financing: \$26,007,810; Co-financing: \$355,504,935.

Non-Grants Instrument

11. **Brazil.** Living Amazon Mechanism (GEF ID: 11327). Agency: Funbio. GEF Project financing: \$6,200,000; Co-financing: \$46,600,000.

12. **Global.** IFC/GEF Green Global Supply Chain Decarbonization Platform (GEF ID: 11326). Agency: World Bank; GEF Project financing: \$14,678,899; Co-financing: \$150,600,000.

13. **Regional.** Innovative use of financial instruments for Biodiversity Conservation and Restoration in Latin America and the Caribbean (GEF ID: 11324). Agency: IADB; GEF Project financing: \$40,180,000; Co-financing: \$641,280,000.

14. **South Africa.** Private Sector Energy Efficiency Programme Phase 2 (PSEEP2) (GEF ID: 11064) Agency: DBSA; GEF Project financing: \$14,678,968; Co-financing: \$509,000,000.

Stand-Alone Full-sized Projects

Biodiversity

15. **Argentina.** Inclusive Conservation, Restoration, and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Priority Ecoregions (GEF ID: 11394). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$5,279,452; Co-financing: \$39,200,000.

16. **Ecuador.** Acción Páramos: conservation, restoration and sustainable use of the páramos in Ecuador (GEF ID: 11386). Agency: UNEP; GEF Project Financing: \$4,416,210; Co-financing: \$25,190,068.

17. **South Africa.** Reimagining National Parks for People and Nature - Mega Living Landscapes Project (GEF ID: 11347). Agency: WWF-US; GEF Project Financing: \$8,874,312; Co-financing: \$55,080,000.

Climate Change

18. **Antigua and Barbuda.** Energy resilience and security for the residential and public sector in Antigua and Barbuda (GEF ID: 11474). Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$8,393,151; Co-financing: \$20,132,229.

Land Degradation

19. **Tunisia.** Adaptive management and restoration of degraded Aleppo pine forest in the Kasserine governorate (Tunisia) to strengthen resilience to climate change, conserve biodiversity, improve productivity and food security (GEF ID: 11389). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$2,639,726; Co-financing: \$29,300,000.

20. **Lebanon.** Restoring Ecosystem Connectivity for Biodiversity and Sustainable Livelihoods in the Litani Watershed Project (ECONNECT) (GEF ID: 11348). Agency: IFAD; GEF Project Financing: \$2,929,935; Co-financing: \$9,024,240.

21. **Argentina.** Recovering the Sustainability of Ecosystems Affected by Drought in Northeastern Argentina (GEF ID: 11336). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$2,913,700; Co-financing: \$20,000,000.

Chemicals and Waste

22. **Argentina.** Integrated Management for Sustainable Reduction (IMSRed) of POPs, Highly Hazardous Pesticides, and industrial chemicals in Argentina (GEF ID: 11451). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$9,240,000; Co-financing: \$46,400,000.

23. **Uruguay.** Towards a more circular Uruguay (Uruguay + Circular) (GEF ID: 11434). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$2,639,726; Co-financing: \$28,300,000.

24. **Tajikistan.** Integrated Program for HFC Phasing Down and Sustainable Cooling for Tajikistan (GEF ID: 11430). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$5,185,900; Co-financing: \$36,550,000.

25. **Morocco.** Eliminating hazardous chemicals from the supply chain of the construction sector in Morocco. (GEF ID: 11428). Agency: UNIDO; GEF Project Financing: \$6,000,000; Co-financing: \$42,000,000.
26. **Indonesia.** Polychlorinated Biphenyls-free Indonesia: Financing a shift to more efficient energy systems through the elimination of related waste and contaminated equipment. (GEF ID: 11425). Agency: UNIDO; GEF Project Financing: \$7,245,000; Co-financing: \$50,800,000.
27. **Cote d'Ivoire.** Sound management of polychlorobiphenyls in Cote d'Ivoire, phase II - objective 2028 of the Stockholm Convention. (GEF ID: 11420). Agency: UNIDO; GEF Project Financing: \$4,150,000; Co-financing: \$25,000,000.
28. **India.** Accelerating Transition to a Circular Economy in India's Electrical and Electronic Sector through Sustainable Integrated Approaches. (GEF ID: 11405). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$15,000,000; Co-financing: \$105,000,000.

International Waters

29. **Regional (Comoros, Madagascar, Mozambique).** Program for improving sustainable marine fisheries opportunities in SADC – The Case of the Mozambique Channel. (GEF ID: 11452). Agency: AfDB; GEF Project Financing: \$ 5,250,000; Co-financing: \$ 14,200,000.
30. **Regional (Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania).** Strengthening integrated transboundary source-to-sea management of the Ruvuma River Basin and its coastal zones to ensure ecosystem health and livelihood security (GEF ID: 11410). Agency: IUCN; GEF project financing: \$ 7,122,018; Co-financing: \$ 48,365,000.
31. **Regional (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay).** Implementation of the La Plata Basin SAP priorities through regional and national actions. (GEF ID: 11053). Agency: CAF; GEF project financing: \$10,605,000; Co-financing: \$ 221,300,000.

Multi-focal Area Project

32. **Timor Leste.** Improving wetlands management for biodiversity and improved human-wildlife coexistence. (GEF ID: 11435). Agency: CI; GEF project financing: \$ 2,689,908; Co-financing: \$12,007,025.
33. **Colombia.** BioSouth: The Pacific-Andean-Amazonian Ecological and Cultural Connectivity Corridor (GEF ID: 11432). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$13,736,697; Co-financing: \$69,060,096.
34. **Iraq.** Restoration and Preservation of Key Biodiversity Areas and Ecosystems in Anbar Province, Iraq. (GEF ID: 11426). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$ 5,722,146; Co-financing: \$45,900,000.

35. **Indonesia.** Lake Ecosystem Restoration in Indonesia through Integrated Governance, Landscape, and Community-based Approaches. (GEF ID: 11422). Agency: IFAD; GEF Project Financing: \$7,105,936; Co-financing: \$35,000,000.
36. **Tajikistan.** Tajikistan Ecosystem Restoration and Resilient Agriculture (TERRA) Project (GEF ID 11398). Agency: IFAD; GEF Project Financing: \$8,019,178; Co-financing: \$11,978,050.
37. **Viet Nam.** Enhancing biodiversity conservation and reducing climate vulnerability in Central Vietnam for sustainable development utilizing a landscape approach (GEF ID 11395). Agency: WWF-US; GEF Project Financing: \$9,000,000; Co-financing: \$73,000,000.
38. **South Africa.** Restoration and sustainable management of Land for improved livelihoods in the degraded landscapes of Free State and Northwest Provinces of South Africa (GEF ID 11331). Agency: IUCN; GEF Project Financing: \$5,399,954; Co-financing: \$21,790,120.
39. **Lesotho.** Sustainable Wool and Mohair Value chain Competitiveness project (WaMCoP) (GEF ID 11210). Agency: IFAD; GEF Project Financing: \$5,329,452; Co-financing: \$67,444,000.
40. **Brazil.** Restoration of Wetlands and other important Amazonian Ecosystems - Capacity-building, innovation, development and technological transfer for ecological restoration and climate change mitigation (GEF ID 11167). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$5,000,000; Co-financing: \$40,910,000.
41. **Sri Lanka.** Promoting sustainable economic benefits through the conservation of critical biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Eastern Coastal Region of Sri Lanka (GEF ID 11116). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$4,507,534; Co-financing: \$26,500,000.
42. **Mongolia.** Rehabilitating and conserving the mountain landscapes in Khangai region of Mongolia for improved ecosystem services and community livelihoods (GEF ID 11114). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$2,639,726; Co-financing: \$25,000,000.
43. **Regional (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Viet Nam).** Enhancing transboundary fisheries management in the Lower Mekong Basin (GEF ID 11304). Agency: IUCN; GEF Project Financing: \$10,709,176; Co-financing: \$77,600,000.

Multi-Trust Fund

44. **Zambia.** Sustainable Management of Ecosystems in Miombo Ecoregions of Zambia (GEF ID 11396); GEF Agency: World Bank; GEF project financing: \$2,992,507 (GEF Trust Fund) and \$7,235,114 (LDCF); Co-financing: \$87,200,000.
45. **Barbados.** Barbados - Accelerating transition to climate-resilient agrifood systems (BATCRAS) (GEF ID 11270); GEF Agency: FAO; GEF project financing: \$875,742 (GEF Trust Fund) and \$2,627,226 (SCCF); Co-financing: \$19,950,000.

46. **Cambodia.** Building climate resilience of communities in Cambodia's protected landscapes: biodiversity-friendly crop-livestock systems for adaptation (GEF ID 11400); GEF Agency: FAO; GEF project financing: \$1,782,040 (GEF Trust Fund) and \$6,237,138 (LDCF); Co-financing: \$21,500,000.

47. **Dominican Republic.** Land Degradation Neutrality for Increased Resilience to Climate Change in Dominican Republic (GEF ID 11402); GEF Agency: FAO; GEF project financing: \$1,766,485 (GEF Trust Fund) and \$2,649,727 (SCCF); Co-financing: \$15,156,920.

48. With respect to the following project, 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:

49. **Paraguay.** Strengthening the System of Protected Areas and Improvement of its Financial Sustainability (GEF ID: 11449). Agency: CI; GEF Project Financing: \$5,079,358; Co-financing: \$12,248,000.

50. With respect to the PIFs and PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs and PFDs (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.

51. 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 changes to the project objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.