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EXCERPTS FROM THE JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.67/03/Rev.01, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, approves the Work Program comprising 25 projects and programs, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by July 18, 2024¹.

2. Total GEF resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$495.6 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 (Algeria, Belize, Benin, Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Gabon, Guatemala, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mongolia, Peru, Philippines, Serbia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe).** Sustainable Cities Integrated Program (GEF ID: 11287); Agency: BOAD/DBSA/FAO/IADB/IUCN/UNDP/UNEP/UNIDO/World Bank. GEF Program Financing: \$151,840,674; Co-financing: \$1,308,381,941.

Other Programs

4. **Global.** *Global Programme to Support Countries to Upscale Integrated Electric Mobility Systems - Addendum* (GEFID – 11516). Countries: Global, Palau, Rwanda. Agencies - UNEP. GEF Program Financing: \$3,120,509. Co-financing: \$8,150,000.

5. **Global.** *Global Chemicals Monitoring Programme to support implementation of Stockholm and Minamata Conventions (GCMP)* (GEF ID 11534). Agency: UNEP; GEF Program financing: \$23,500,000; Co-financing \$65,475,500.

Stand-Alone Full-sized Projects

Biodiversity

6. **Argentina** *Ecosystem restoration in seven national protected areas of Argentina* (GEF ID 11490) Agency: CAF, GEF Financing: \$ 6,268,011; Co-financing \$: 43,876,075.

¹ The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries that are state sponsors of terrorism; 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; or (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, Cuba, and Zimbabwe, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support GEF project 11287 in China, Cuba, and Zimbabwe.

The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments are not addressing trafficking in persons, and in light of its policies for development projects in Nicaragua, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support project 11520 in Nicaragua.

The United States, in light of its policies for development projects in Zimbabwe, opposes and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support project 11572 in Zimbabwe.

7. **India.** *Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity to meet India's commitment to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework targets by 2030* (GEF ID 11423). Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$ 6,649,315; Co-financing: \$ 56,000,000.
8. **India.** *CoHABITAT – Conservation and sustainable management of wetlands, forest and grasslands to secure the population of Migratory species along Central Asian Flyway in India* (GEF ID 11478). Agency: UNDP, GEF project financing: \$ 10,709,174, Co-financing: \$ 73,100,000.
9. **Namibia.** *Safeguarding the future of Namibia's Protected Area Network through Financing4Future* (GEF ID 11523). Agency: WWF-US; GEF project financing: \$6,140,422; Co-financing: \$37,830,161.
10. **South Africa.** *Conservation, development and livelihoods for thriving people and nature* (GEF ID 11448). Agency: UNDP; GEF project financing: \$4,835,449; Co-financing: \$35,265,699.

Chemicals and Waste

11. **Indonesia.** *Strengthening Indonesia's Reduction and Elimination in the Distribution and Supply Chain of Mercury from National Health (SIRENE)* (GEFID 11546). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$6,590,000; Co-financing: \$32,950,000.

International Waters

12. **Regional: Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.** *Strengthening Zambezi River Basin Management towards Climate Resilience and Ecosystem Health* (GEF ID: 11572). Agency: AfDB. GEF Project Financing: \$9,450,000; Co-financing: \$ 320,150,001.
13. **Regional: Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama.** *Improving the Source to Sea Governance to Reduce the Impacts on the Transboundary Large Marine Ecosystems in the SICA Region* (GEF ID 11520). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$18,048,624; Co-financing: \$148,332,855.

Land Degradation

14. **Regional, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.** *CSIDS SOILCARE Phase 2 - Caribbean Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) multi-country soil management initiative for integrated Landscape Restoration and climate-resilient food systems* (GEF ID 11390). Agency: FAO; GEF Project financing: \$ 17,968,099; Co-financing: \$26,500,000.00.

15. **Mauritania:** *Rehabilitation and restoration of ecosystems in the Gum Arabic belt and sustainable use of forest resources in Mauritania* (GEF ID 11551). Agency: FAO; GEF Project Financing: \$5,329,452; Co-financing: \$9,300,000.

Multi-focal Area Project

16. **Yemen** *Integrated Conservation and Sustainable Development in Socotra Archipelago and Aden Wetlands* (GEF ID 11408) Agency: UNEP, GEF Financing: \$ 4,416,211, Co-financing \$: 5,000,000.

17. **Bolivia.** *Support to the Productive Development Bank for the deployment of the Eco-efficiency Credit Programme in Bolivia* (GEF ID 11450). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project financing: \$6,208,382; Co-financing: \$65,123,963.

18. **Bosnia and Herzegovina.** *Introducing Nature Based Solutions to Ensure Resilient Ecosystems, Green Recovery and Sustainable Livelihoods* (GEF ID 11335). Agencies: UNDP, FAO; GEF Project financing: \$ 4,834,530; Co-financing: \$40,150,000.

19. **Algeria:** *Restoration and forest management of the Algerian pine forest with an integrated participatory approach promoting the Aleppo pine, NWFPs and ecosystem-based adaptation solutions to climate change* (GEF ID 11179). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$ 3,502,968; Co-financing: \$ 24,000,000.

20. **Ecuador:** *Integrated landscape management in the Napo River Basin for sustainable land management and biodiversity conservation* (GEF ID 11333). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$8,982,420; Co-financing: \$51,641,021.

21. **Somalia:** *Conserving terrestrial and marine biodiversity and restoring ecosystem services in globally relevant and vulnerable sites in Somalia* (GEF ID 11414). Agency: UNDP; GEF Project Financing: \$12,448,395; Co-financing: \$6,500,000.

Non-Grants Instrument

22. **Indonesia.** *Indonesia Coral Bond* (GEF ID 11323). Agency: World Bank; GEF project financing: \$13,761,468; Co-financing: \$156,100,000.

23. With respect to the following 5 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:

24. **Brazil.** Control and reduction of mercury emissions from the cement industry in Brazil (GEF ID 11574). Agency: UNIDO; GEF Project financing: \$12,000,000; Co-financing: \$72,000,000.

25. **Regional: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan.** *Blueing the Caspian Sea* (GEF ID 11429). Agency: World Bank; GEF Project Financing: \$11,743,120; Co-financing: \$ 53,000,000.

26. **Regional (Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal).** *Transformation Approach to Large Scale Investment in Support of the Implementation of the Great Green Wall Initiative- TALSISI-GGW (GEF ID: 11455)*; GEF Agency: UNEP, BOAD; GEF Program Financing: \$77,888,167 (LDCF- \$38,707,662; GEF TF- \$39,180,505); Co-financing: \$2,998,018,615.

27. **Kazakhstan:** Integrated Management of Seascapes of the Kazakhstani part of the Caspian Sea and Land Resources of Adjacent Territories (GEF ID 11524). Agency: UNDP; GEF Financing: \$ 7,270,000; Co-financing: \$ 50,989,000.

28. **Global: Botswana, Cambodia, Colombia, Djibouti, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Peru, Philippines, Somalia, South Africa, Türkiye, Viet Nam.** *Global Electronics Management (GEM) Program (GEF ID: 11553)*. Agency: UNIDO, UNDP, UNEP, AfDB. GEF Program Financing: \$60,000,000; Co-financing: \$364,225,000.

29. 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.

30. 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.