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Dear Council Member,

I am writing in reference to my letter of September 12, 2007, under cover of which we circulated for Council approval the Focal Area Strategies and Strategic Programming for GEF-4.

I am pleased to inform you that we received no objections to the proposed decision. The following decision was therefore approved by mail:

The Council reviewed and approves the Focal Area Strategies and Strategic Programming for GEF-4, circulated for approval by mail on September 12, 2007, and agrees that the approved strategies should provide a basis for guiding the programming of resources during GEF-4. The Council agrees that the structure of long-term strategic objectives and strategic programs for a replenishment period should replace the previous operational programs and strategic priorities.

The Council requests the Secretariat, in collaboration with the GEF agencies, to operationalize the approved strategic programs and objectives in alignment with the ongoing development and implementation of the results-based management framework.

The Council requests the Secretariat to initiate work on the development of strategic objectives and programs for GEF-5 in 2008 with a view to presenting proposed strategic programming for GEF-5 to the Council at its first meeting in 2009.

The document can be located on the GEF website under [Policies/Focal Area Strategies](#).

Sincerely,