

Annex XV: Additional entities of other relevant funds for fast-track accreditation eligibility

I. Background

1. In decision B.08/03, paragraphs (e–g), the Board decided that entities under the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Adaptation Fund (AF) and the Directorate-General for International Development and Cooperation (DG DEVCO) up to and including 17 October 2014 and in full compliance with those institutions' requirements, as contained in annex V to decision B.08/03 (annex V to document B.08/45), are eligible to apply under the fast-track accreditation process for the accreditation requirements of the GCF identified in the relevant paragraphs of the decision.

2. In decisions B.10/06, B.12/30 and B.14/09, the Board expanded the list of entities eligible to apply under the same fast-track approach, assuming all prerequisite criteria were met to include those under the GEF, the AF and DG DEVCO up to and including 9 July 2015, 9 March 2016, and 14 October 2016, respectively.

3. The entities presented below are entities that have been accredited by the AF and DG DEVCO since 14 October 2016. No new entities have been accredited by the GEF since this time; however, an update has been provided on the status of the signature of the memorandums of understanding for GEF agencies that have been approved to progress to Stage III of the GEF accreditation process by the GEF Accreditation Panel.

II. Adaptation Fund

Table 7: The Adaptation Fund – national implementing entities since 14 October 2016^a

Name	Acronym	Country
Environmental Project Implementation Unit of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia	EPIU	Armenia

^a The list of the national accredited entities of the Adaptation Fund is available at <<https://www.adaptation-fund.org/apply-funding/implementing-entities/national-implementing-entity/>>. See also Adaptation Fund Board decision B.28-29/1, available at <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/AFB-Decision-B-28_29_1_-Accreditation-of-EPIU_-Armenia.pdf>.

III. Directorate-General for International Development and Cooperation

Table 8: Directorate-General for International Development and Cooperation – International Organizations that have undergone European Union institutional compliance assessments (pillar assessments) since 14 October 2016^a

Name	Acronym
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	UNHCR

^a The list of International Organizations that have undergone European Union institutional compliance assessments (pillar assessments) was provided, following a request by the Secretariat, by the Directorate-General for International Development and Cooperation on 9 November 2016.

4. The international organizations listed in the above table have been confirmed either by DG DEVCO to the Secretariat or via evidence provided by the organizations regarding their successful assessment against DG DEVCO pillar assessments, meet the requirements of the relevant European Union legislation and are authorized to carry out European Union budget implementation tasks without conditions concerning their institutional compliance.

IV. Global Environment Facility

5. Since 14 October 2016, no additional agencies have completed Stage II of the GEF accreditation procedure (review by the GEF Accreditation Panel).

6. Four entities (Fundo Brasileiro para a Biodiversidade – Brazil, the Foreign Economic Cooperation Office – China, the Development Bank of Latin America, and Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement) received approval from the GEF Accreditation Panel to progress from Stage II to Stage III (the final stage, which involves the signing of formal agreements, including the memorandum of understanding and the financial procedures agreement between the GEF and the entity). This approval is as per the GEF progress report on the pilot accreditation of GEF project agencies and was noted by the GEF Council at its forty-eighth meeting.¹

7. Entities must complete Stage III of the GEF accreditation procedure in order to become a fully accredited agencies under the GEF.

8. At the time of publication of this document and based on information available on the GEF website, of the four entities, two entities (Fundo Brasileiro para a Biodiversidade and Foreign Economic Cooperation Office) have signed the memorandums of understanding and financial procedures agreement in Stage III of the GEF accreditation process.

¹ GEF document GEF/C.48/10/Rev.01 available at <<https://www.thegef.org/documents>>. *Joint summary of the Chairs, 48th GEF Council Meeting, 2–4 June 2015* available at <<https://www.thegef.org/documents>>.