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Further Consideration of the Initial Term of Board Membership

GCF/B.10/14

12 June 2015

Meeting of the Board

6 – 9 July 2015

Songdo, Republic of Korea

Provisional Agenda item 28

Recommended action by the Board

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Take note of the information presented in document GCF/B.10/15 *Further Consideration of the Initial Term of Board Membership*; and
- (b) Adopt the draft decision presented in Annex I to this document.

Further Consideration of the Initial Term of Board Membership

I. Background and introduction

1. At its ninth meeting on 24-26 March 2015 in Songdo, Republic of Korea, the Board took note that the initial terms for members and alternate members of the Board expire on 23 August 2015.
2. The Board affirmed that the following principles (the Initial Term Principles) should apply if successors to the current members and alternate members of the Board or to active observers, as the case may be, are not selected by 23 August 2015:
 - (a) Members and alternate members of the Board whose terms expire on 23 August 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected;
 - (b) Members and alternate members of the Board serving in the capacity of members of the Accreditation Committee, the Risk Management Committee, the Investment Committee and the Private Sector Advisory Group whose terms expire in 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected;
 - (c) Representatives of the active observers from accredited civil-society organizations and private sector organizations whose terms expire in 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected; and
 - (d) Successors are expected to be selected no later than 31 December 2015.
3. The Board also requested the Secretariat to convey these principles to all Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and decided to consider further the Initial Term Principles at its tenth meeting on 6-9 July 2015 in Songdo, Republic of Korea.¹

II. Further considerations

4. In accordance with decision B.09/12, the Secretariat conveyed the Initial Term Principles to all Parties to the UNFCCC. The message to all Parties, dated 8 May 2015, is contained in Annex II to this document for information purposes.
5. The Board will now have to convert the Initial Term Principles into a policy decision, in the absence of which the initial terms of members and alternate members of the Board, and active observers will end on the originally envisaged dates, so successors will have to be selected by those dates.
6. In order to ensure that no person will continue his/her function as part of an initial term beyond 31 December 2015, the expectation referred to in paragraph 2 (d) above is proposed as an end date, meaning that no person can continue his/her function as part of an initial term beyond that date.

III. Recommended action

7. It is recommended that the Board adopt the draft decision on this matter as set out in Annex I to this document.

¹ Decision B.09/12.

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8. By adopting the draft decision set out in Annex I, the Board is neither extending the initial term nor changing the three-year term of Board membership. It is only affirming an interim measure in order to ensure the continuity of the Fund's operations.

Annex I: Draft decision of the Board

The Board having considered document GCF/B.10/16 *Further Consideration of the Initial Term of Board Membership*:

Decides that:

- (i) Members and alternate members of the Board whose terms expire on 23 August 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected;
- (ii) Members and alternate members of the Board serving in the capacity of members of the Accreditation Committee, the Risk Management Committee, the Investment Committee and the Private Sector Advisory Group, whose terms expire in 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected;
- (iii) Representatives of the active observers from accredited civil-society organizations and private sector organizations whose terms expire in 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected; and
- (iv) All of the above are subject to no person continuing his/her function as part of the initial term after 31 December 2015.

Annex II: Message to Parties to the UNFCCC



SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

Date: 8 May 2015

Reference: GCF/corres/OSB/2015/01

Message to Parties to the UNFCCC

Decision on Initial Term of Board Membership of the Green Climate Fund

At the request of the Board of the Green Climate Fund, the Secretary to the Board has the pleasure of conveying to the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change the principles that will apply if successors to the current members and alternate members of the Board are not selected by 23 August 2015, the current expiration date of the initial terms for members and alternate members of the Board.

The GCF Board has taken note of the initial terms for members and alternate members of the Board which will expire on 23 August 2015 and affirmed, in decision B.09/12 taken at its ninth meeting, that the following principles should apply if successors to the current members, and alternate members of the Board or to active observers, as the case may be, are not selected by 23 August 2015:

- (i) Members and alternate members of the Board whose terms expire on 23 August 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected;
- (ii) Members and alternate members of the Board serving in the capacity of members of the Accreditation Committee, the Risk Management Committee, the Investment Committee and the Private Sector Advisory Group, whose terms expire in 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected;
- (iii) Representatives from the active observers from accredited civil society organizations and private sector organizations whose terms expire in 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected; and
- (iv) Successors are expected to be selected no later than 31 December 2015.

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The Parties are also informed that the Board will further consider the above principles in the tenth meeting of the Board which is scheduled to take place from 6 to 9 July 2015 in Songdo, Republic of Korea.

Yours sincerely,

Carolina Fuentes

About the Green Climate Fund

The Green Climate Fund is an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention. It aims to raise and channel a growing share of new climate finance for developing countries, to help promote the paradigm shift to low emission and climate resilient development.

As of May 2015, the Green Climate Fund has successfully raised pledges of US\$ 10.2 billion from 33 governments, eight of which are developing countries. More than 120 developing countries have nominated their GCF national designated authority or focal point, half of which are engaged with the Fund for financial support towards readiness and preparatory activities to access the Fund. In March this year, GCF has accredited its initial seven entities through which resources from the Fund can be accessed. It will continue to accredit national, regional and international entities from both the public and private sectors.

The Board of the Green Climate Fund is expected to reach its first decision to finance projects in its meeting of October 2015.

The Green Climate Fund is governed by a Board of 24 members with equal representation from developed and developing countries. (The list of Board members is available at: <http://www.gcfund.org/board/board-members.html>).



Annex I

DECISION B.09/12

The Board, having taken note of the information presented in document GCF/B.09/20 Initial Term of Board Membership:

- (a) Takes note that the initial terms for members and alternate members of the Board expire on 23 August 2015;*
- (b) Affirms that the following principles should apply if successors to the current members and alternate members of the Board or to active observers, as the case may be, are not selected by 23 August 2015:*
 - (i) Members and alternate members of the Board whose terms expire on 23 August 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected;*
 - (ii) Members and alternate members of the Board serving in the capacity of members of the Accreditation Committee, the Risk Management Committee, the Investment Committee and the Private Sector Advisory Group whose terms expire in 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected;*
 - (iii) Representatives from the active observers from accredited civil society organizations and private sector organizations whose terms expire in 2015 shall continue their functions until their successors have been selected; and*
 - (iv) Successors are expected to be selected not later than 31 December 2015.*
- (c) Requests the Secretariat to convey the principles set out in paragraph (b) above to all Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;*
- (d) Decides to consider further the principles set out in paragraph (b) above at its tenth meeting.*