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Report on activities of the Co-Chairs

Summary

This document contains the report on the activities of the Co-Chairs of the Board of the Green Climate Fund during the period of early July to early October 2015.

* The agenda item number will be determined when the final sequence of items in the provisional agenda is confirmed by the Co-Chairs.

I. Introduction

1. This report informs the Board of the main activities undertaken by the Co-Chairs from early July to early October 2015.

II. Activities during the reporting period

2.1 Co-Chairs' work and teleconferences

2. The Co-Chairs and the Secretariat conducted regular teleconferences during the reporting period in order to follow up on ongoing work and deliver on mandates from the tenth meeting of the Board (B.10), as well as to prepare for the eleventh meeting of the Board (B.11).

3. The Co-Chairs have and continue to oversee the timely delivery of documents relating to B.11 in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

2.2 Eleventh meeting of the Board

4. In preparation for B.11, which will take place in Livingstone, Zambia, from 2 to 5 November 2015, the Co-Chairs conducted constituency consultations to finalize the provisional agenda for B.11. This document was circulated to the Board on 2 October 2015 and made available as document GCF/B.11/01/Drf.01 on the GCF website.

2.3 Documents and draft decisions between meetings

5. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the Co-Chairs identified the following items to be addressed between B.10 and B.11:

- (a) "Dates of the eleventh meeting of the Board" (proposed decision transmitted to the Board on 3 September and published on 11 September as decision B.BM-2015/08);
- (b) "Accreditation of Observer Organizations" (proposed decision transmitted to the Board on 25 September for approval by 16 October);
- (c) "Amendment of the Interim Information Disclosure Practice" (proposed decision transmitted to the Board on 10 September for approval by 1 October. An objection was received from a Board member on 28 September. The objection is being worked through in accordance with the Rules of Procedure);
- (d) "Extension of the Approval Period for the Administrative Guidelines on Procurement" (proposed decision transmitted to the Board on 10 September for approval by 1 October. Comments were received from Board members on 14 and 28 September. The comments received are being worked through in accordance with the Rules of Procedure);
- (e) "Appointment of members to committees of the Board" (proposed decision transmitted to the Board on 29 September for approval by 6 October. Comments were received from a Board member on 6 October. The comments received are being worked through in accordance with the Rules of Procedure);
- (f) "Appointment of a Recruitment Firm for the Selection of the Heads of the Accountability Units" (proposed decision to be transmitted to the Board);

6. In accordance with paragraph 41 of the Rules of Procedure the decisions taken in between meetings will be recorded in the report of B.11.

2.4 Engagement with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its thematic bodies

7. In accordance with decision B.10/18, the Co-Chairs, assisted by the Secretariat, reviewed and finalized the fourth report of the GCF to the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and submitted the revised report to the UNFCCC secretariat on 4 September, in line with the 12-week submission period in advance of COP 21 mandated by the COP in decision 7/CP.20.

8. Following the initial exchange of letters during the last reporting period, the Co-Chairs conducted a conference call with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) on 21 August to discuss collaboration between the TEC and the GCF as the Technology Mechanism and the Financial Mechanism of the Convention, in accordance with relevant guidance from the COP. During the conference call, the Co-Chairs and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the TEC agreed to meet during COP 21, and to exchange views on the possibilities for collaboration during 2016. The Co-Chairs agreed to report back to the Board on the outcomes of this conference call.

9. On 10 September, one of the Co-Chairs joined the eleventh meeting of the TEC via teleconference to participate in the session on “Climate technology financing: collaboration with the Green Climate Fund”. The Co-Chair introduced the current state of play of the GCF, its priorities for 2015 and the status of the discussion on the possibilities for collaboration between the Co-Chairs of the two bodies referred to in paragraph 8 above.

10. In addition, the Co-Chairs requested the Secretariat to participate on their behalf in the sixth meeting of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) via teleconference. This participation took place on 16 September through an intervention on the status of the GCF and an update on the exchange between the Co-Chairs of the GCF and the TEC. The Co-Chairs of the CTCN were also invited to engage with the Co-Chairs of the GCF.

11. The Co-Chairs have also engaged with the Co-Chairs of the Adaptation Committee. Following the teleconference held during the last reporting period, the Co-Chairs provided feedback on the document titled “Input document: information, key issues and recommendations on the means of implementation for enhanced adaptation action”, presented at the eighth meeting of the Adaptation Committee.

2.5 Other activities

12. In line with the proposal discussed under the agenda item ‘Consideration of funding proposals’ at B.10, on 25 August, the Co-Chairs issued a note titled “For a paradigm shift in climate finance, new perspectives and mechanisms are key”, which elaborates on the accreditation process of the GCF and the decision taken by the Board during B.10 on accreditation. The note is published on the GCF website.¹

¹ See <http://www.gcfund.org/fileadmin/00_customer/documents/Notes/NOTE_-_For_a_Paradigm_Shift_in_Climate_Finance_New_Perspectives_and_Mechanisms_are_Key_2015.8.25_.pdf>.