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Board decisions proposed between the twenty-ninth and thirtieth meetings of the Board

Summary

This document provides information on decisions proposed between the twenty-ninth and thirtieth meetings of the Board as at 1 October 2021.

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with paragraph 41 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board, “Decisions without a Board meeting may occur on an extraordinary basis when in the judgement of both Co-Chairs, a decision must be taken by the Board that should not be postponed to the next Board meeting”. In such instances, the Secretariat, with the approval of the Co-Chairs, shall transmit to members and alternate members of the Board a proposed decision with the invitation to approve the decision on a no-objection basis within a prescribed period between Board meetings.
2. This document summarizes decisions proposed to the Board between its twenty-ninth and thirtieth meetings (B.29 and B.30) as at 1 October 2021.

1.1 Decisions approved as at 1 October 2021

3. As at 1 October 2021, the following decisions were approved between meetings on a non-objection basis:
 - (a) “Guidelines to facilitate Board consideration of IRM reports on reconsideration requests, grievances or complaints”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2020/18/Rev.01 on 6 July 2021 with a no-objection period of 7 days ending on 13 July 2021, during which no objections were received. The decision was thus deemed approved as decision B.BM-2021/16, circulated to the Board on 13 July 2021 and published on the GCF website;
 - (b) “Additional administrative budget for Phase I of the remedial activities addressing monitoring and evaluation gaps in the GCF portfolio”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board on a limited distribution basis as document GCF/BM-2021/16 on 23 July 2021 with a no-objection period of 21 days ending on 13 August 2021, during which no objections were received. The decision was thus deemed approved as decision B.BM-2021/17, circulated to the Board on 13 August 2021 and published on the GCF website;
 - (c) “Revisions to the Green Climate Fund’s Environmental and Social Policy to reaffirm the Fund’s commitment to addressing Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2021/17 on 23 August 2021 with a no-objection period of 21 days ending on 13 September 2021, during which no objections were received and two Board members submitted comments, for which the Secretariat provided responses. The decision was thus deemed approved as decision B.BM-2021/18, circulated to the Board on 14 September 2021 with the written inputs and published on the GCF website;
 - (d) “Accreditation of observer organizations”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board on a limited distribution basis as document GCF/BM-2021/21 on 13 September 2021 with a no-objection period of 14 days ending on 27 September 2021, during which no objections were received. The decision was thus deemed approved as decision B.BM-2021/19, circulated to the Board on 27 September 2021 and published on the GCF website.

II. Decisions proposed pending approval as at 1 October 2021

4. The proposed decisions outlined below were transmitted to the Board for approval between meetings:

- (a) “Tenth Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2021/15 on 14 July 2021 with a no-objection period of 7 days ending on 21 July 2021.
- (i) Two objections were received from the Board and communicated by the Secretariat to the Co-Chairs;
 - (ii) One Board member submitted questions;
 - (iii) In line with the Rules of Procedure, the Co-Chairs worked through the objections with the Board members directly;
 - (iv) The Board was notified of the objections and inputs and they were shared with the Board on 19 August 2021;
 - (v) On 1 October, the responses from the Co-Chairs to the objections and the corresponding revisions in the COP report which were shared directly with the objecting Board members were also shared with the Board.
- (b) “Updated accreditation framework”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2021/18 on 8 September 2021 with a no-objection period of 14 days ending on 22 September 2021;
- (i) Two objections were received from the Board and communicated by the Secretariat to the Co-Chairs;
 - (ii) One Board member submitted a comment;
 - (iii) In line with the Rules of Procedure, the Co-Chairs worked through the objections with the Board members directly;
 - (iv) The Board was notified of the objections and inputs and they were shared with the Board on 23 September 2021;
 - (v) On 30 September, the responses from the Co-Chairs to the objections which were shared directly with the objecting Board members were also shared with the Board.
- (c) “Dates and venue of the thirty-first meeting of the Board”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2021/19 on 9 September 2021 with a no-objection period of 7 days ending on 16 September 2021;
- (i) Three objections were received from the Board and communicated by the Secretariat to the Co-Chairs;
 - (ii) One Board member submitted a comment;
 - (iii) In line with the Rules of Procedure, the Co-Chairs worked through the objections with the Board members directly;
 - (iv) The Board was notified of the objections and inputs and they were shared with the Board on 16 September 2021;
 - (v) The Co-Chairs invited the Board to participate in a consultation session between Board members to consider the proposed decision, which took place on 28 September, as a complement to direct engagement with the objecting Board members and in order to ensure that the Fund continues to operate in a transparent and accountable manner guided by efficiency and effectiveness;

- (vi) On 30 September, the responses from the Co-Chairs to the objections which were shared directly with the objecting Board members were also shared with the Board.
- (d) “Updated guidelines for the operation of Board committees”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2021/20 on 10 September 2021 with a no-objection period of 14 days ending on 24 September 2021;
 - (i) Four objections were received from the Board and communicated by the Secretariat to the Co-Chairs;
 - (ii) In line with the Rules of Procedure, the Co-Chairs worked through the objections with the Board members directly;
 - (iii) The Board was notified of the objections and inputs and they were shared with the Board on 24 September 2021;
 - (iv) The Co-Chairs invited the Board to participate in a consultation session between Board members to consider the proposed decision, which took place on 29 September, as a complement to direct engagement with the objecting Board members and in order to ensure that the Fund continues to operate in a transparent and accountable manner guided by efficiency and effectiveness;
 - (v) On 30 September, one Board member lifted their objection following discussion with the Co-Chairs;
 - (vi) On 30 September and 1 October, the responses from the Co-Chairs to the objections and the corresponding revisions in the guidelines which were shared directly with the objecting Board members were also shared with the Board.
- 5. In addition to the above, the following proposed decisions without a Board meeting are under the consideration of the Co-Chairs:
 - (a) “Independent Evaluation of the Green Climate Fund’s Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS) and the Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS)”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2020/20 on 7 December 2020 with a no-objection period of 14 days ending on 21 December 2020;
 - (i) Two objections and a comment have been received from the Board and communicated by the Secretariat to the Co-Chairs;
 - (ii) In line with the Rules of Procedure, the Co-Chairs are working through the objection with the Board member directly;
 - (iii) The Board was notified of the objections and the compilation of written objections and comments received was shared with the Board on 19 February; and
 - (iv) The Co-Chairs invited the Board to participate in a consultation session between Board members to consider the way forward on addressing evaluations, which took place on 22 September, as a complement to direct engagement with the objecting Board members and in order to ensure that the Fund continues to operate in a transparent and accountable manner guided by efficiency and effectiveness.
 - (b) “Independent Evaluation of the Green Climate Fund’s Country Ownership Approach”: the proposed decision was transmitted to the Board as document GCF/BM-2020/21 on 7 December 2020 with a no-objection period of 14 days ending on 21 December 2020;



- (i) Two objections have been received from the Board and communicated by the Secretariat to the Co-Chairs;
- (ii) In line with the Rules of Procedure, the Co-Chairs are working through the objection with the Board member directly;
- (iii) The Board was notified of the objections and the compilation of written objections and comments received was shared with the Board on 19 February; and
- (iv) The Co-Chairs invited the Board to participate in a consultation session between Board members to consider the way forward on addressing evaluations, which took place on 22 September, as a complement to direct engagement with the objecting Board members and in order to ensure that the Fund continues to operate in a transparent and accountable manner guided by efficiency and effectiveness.

III. Next steps

6. On approval by the Board, decisions are transmitted to the Board and made available on the GCF website except for limited distribution decisions.

7. The decisions approved between meetings will be recorded in the report of B.30 in accordance with paragraph 44 of the Rules of Procedure.
