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**NINETH GEF REPLENISHMENT: OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL
STRUCTURE
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I. Introduction

1. This paper aims to frame the discussion on the Financial Structure of the Ninth Replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF-9) Trust Fund¹. It provides an overview of the GEF's replenishment structure and outlines the key financial components of the replenishment: new contributions from Contributing Participants, funds carried over from previous replenishments, projected investment income and reflows from projects implemented under the Non-Grant Instruments (NGI).

2. The GEF is a partnership designed to provide primarily grant resources (although it has the capacity to provide concessional financing in forms other than grants under the Non-Grant Instruments program). The GEF Trust Fund undergoes periodic replenishments. The GEF's replenishment structure was originally based on the model for contributing to the International Development Association (IDA), and its funding cycle traditionally spans four-year replenishment periods. According to Annex B of the GEF Instrument, the World Bank in its capacity of Trustee for the GEF is responsible for mobilizing replenishment resources, including making arrangements for the participants to agree on the size and strategy for each replenishment period.

3. GEF replenishment negotiations provide an opportunity for contributors to review GEF's performance, evaluate progress, and decide on programming and future strategic directions. Contributing Participants assess the funding needs going forward and agree on the size of as well as financial and payment arrangements for the replenishments.

4. The replenishment negotiations aim to mobilize adequate funding to be able to support overall financing requirements for future programming as agreed by the Contributing Participants, within an acceptable burden-sharing framework.

5. The size of a given replenishment depends on several factors. These include the estimated overall funding requirements for agreed future programming and Contributing Participants' ability to fund the replenishment. The agreed replenishment size should be treated as a notional figure as several of the components are subject to, at times, significant variations over the duration of the funding period of the replenishment. As presented in Chart 1, the expected resources for each GEF replenishment comprise of:

(a) new contributions – the amount upon which the negotiations and considerations of burden-sharing are centered,

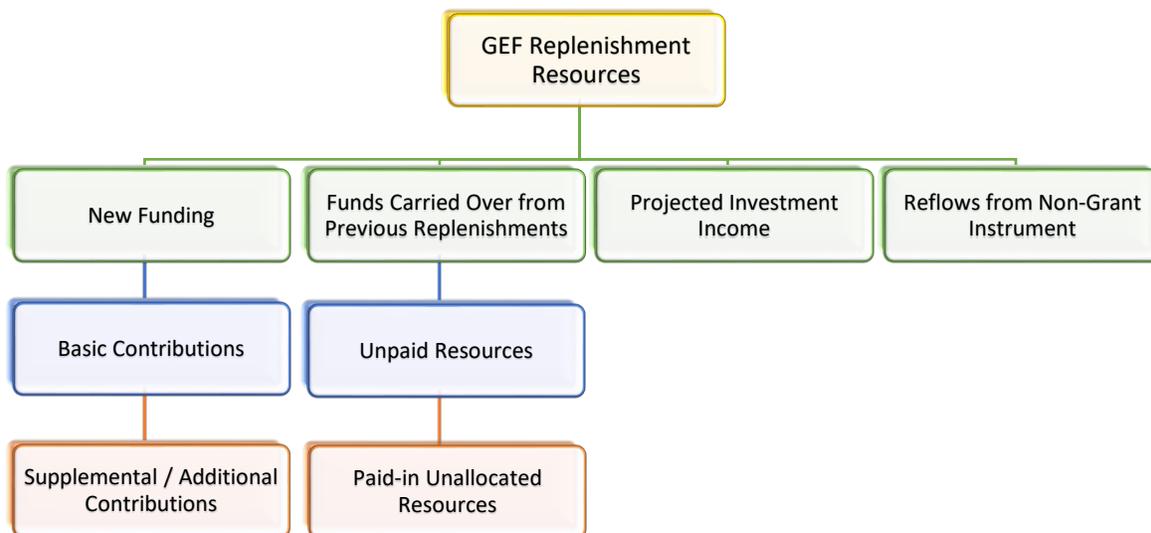
(b) funds carried over from previous replenishments (including unpaid resources and paid-in but unallocated resources),

(c) projected investment income, and

(d) reflows from Non-Grant Instruments.

¹ The GEF-9 Replenishment process pertains to the GEF Trust Fund only. The Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) are not part of the GEF-9 replenishment process. Donor contributions to the LDCF, SCCF and GBFF are distinct and separate from the replenishment of the main GEF Trust Fund.

Chart 1. GEF Replenishment Resources



6. The details of each component of the GEF-9 replenishment are presented in the sections below. Section II discusses the core aspects of the negotiation for the replenishment – new contributions, which include burden-sharing, financial terms of the contributions and payment procedures. Section III details the financial aspects related to resources that may be carried over from the previous replenishments. Section IV explains how the projected investment income is estimated. Section V provides an explanation of the reflows from Non-Grant Instruments (NGI). Finally, Section VI presents selected issues for potential further consideration and discussion among GEF-9 Participants.

II. New Contributions

7. The GEF relies on the support of Participating Contributors who share the same development vision for a better environment and belief in the GEF partnership as an effective channel for funding those environmental needs. Negotiations and considerations of burden sharing during the replenishment are centered on new contributions. Contributing Participants make basic contributions as well as additional (or supplemental) contributions to the GEF, as explained below. A significant part of the GEF-9 replenishment resources would need to come from basic contributions with additional (or supplemental) contributions provided to reduce potential shortfalls in the targeted replenishment size.

1. GEF Burden-sharing Framework

8. Burden sharing is the term applied to the agreed sense of “fairness” in sharing the financial responsibility of a multilateral effort. The goal of burden sharing in the GEF is to ensure adequate funding for the intended objectives. Principles guiding a burden-sharing framework are transparency, equity, and ability to pay. Burden-sharing frameworks vary over time and across institutions, as contributors reach funding agreements based on a variety of factors. At the outset, contributors usually begin from share levels

in the previous replenishment, which reflect past budgetary decisions and replenishment considerations. This reference point is what has come to be known as “basic shares”. Traditionally, these basic shares have not been a matter of negotiation in the GEF. Changing budgetary circumstances and priorities for a Contributing Participant, however, may be reflected in “actual shares”, which are the basic shares enhanced by additional and supplementary contributions.

9. When the GEF Trust Fund was first established in 1992, its contributors agreed to use the shares from the IDA10 Replenishment Resolution as the basis for establishing initial basic shares for the GEF replenishment. The initial basic shares did not add up to 100%. This was intentional, to leave space for new or supplemental contributions from existing non-recipient Participating Contributors and not-yet-participating non-recipient contributors. These basic shares continued to be used as the reference point for the GEF-2, GEF-3, GEF-4, GEF-5, GEF-6, GEF-7 and GEF-8 replenishment negotiations, with some adjustments reflecting circumstances over time. The agreed basic shares of the GEF-1 through GEF-8 replenishment cycles are shown in Annex 2.

10. Individual approaches to determining contributions to the GEF vary but are often determined by multiplying their agreed basic share by the targeted new replenishment size. For recipient contributors for whom basic shares are not applicable,² the basic contribution is usually the agreed minimum contribution, which had been set at SDR 4 million³ since the GEF-2 to GEF-8 and will increase to SDR4.5 million for GEF-9 (details are shown in Annex 4 and the Planning Note for the GEF-9 Replenishment).

11. Contributors may also agree to provide funding over and above their basic contribution. Such *supplemental contributions* may reflect a one-time desire to contribute more than their burden-shared amount without raising their agreed basic share. Furthermore, contributors whose basic share yields an amount that is less than the agreed minimum contribution make another type of supplemental contribution. These contributors are required to meet the minimum contribution by providing a supplemental contribution. Actual shares, i.e., the basic shares enhanced by additional and supplementary contributions for the GEF-1 through the GEF-8 are presented in Annex 3.

12. Notwithstanding the historical context, the GEF’s burden-sharing structure has thus far provided sufficient flexibility to accommodate the evolving global economic and political developments that have taken place throughout the GEF partnership.

2. Financial Terms of Contributions and Payment Procedures

13. *Minimum contribution.* During the GEF-6 negotiations, it was agreed that the minimum contribution amount for participating contributors should be adjusted for inflation at the beginning of each replenishment cycle. To adjust for inflation, a SDR deflator for the four calendar years prior to the start of the replenishment discussions would be applied to the minimum contribution amount for the previous replenishment. Since then, the minimum contribution amount for participating contributors *has been* adjusted for inflation at the beginning of each replenishment cycle. Accordingly, in the context of GEF-9, the Trustee applied SDR deflators for calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to the GEF-8 minimum contribution amount of SDR 4.0 million for calculating the inflation adjustment. The methodology used to calculate the inflation adjusted minimum contribution for GEF-9, as described in Annex 4, resulted in an increase in the minimum contribution amount to SDR 4.47 million. Given this, the minimum contribution amount for the GEF-9 replenishment discussions will increase to SDR 4.5 million. As provided in the

² Recipient contributors may choose to take up a share at any time.

³ The SDR or Special Drawing Right is a currency basket consisting of fixed proportions of the EUR, JPY, GBP, CNY and USD.

planning note for the GEF-9 Replenishment⁴, following the precedent of previous GEF replenishments, participants intending to contribute at least SDR 4.5 million to the GEF-9 replenishment have been invited to participate in the replenishment negotiations.

14. *Currency of denomination and exchange rates.* While the operating currency of the GEF is the USD, the SDR is used as the base currency during GEF replenishments for burden-sharing purposes and to provide a common denominator for expressing the overall size of the replenishment. Contributions are generally denominated in national currencies; Contributing Participant countries with high inflation rates must contribute in SDR or USD⁵. A result of this arrangement is that foreign exchange fluctuations impact the actual realized value of the GEF replenishment when compared to the agreed size of the replenishment. The valuation difference is due to exchange rate movements from the time Contributing Participants pledge (i.e., when the replenishment is agreed) and the time actual payments of those contributions are received in cash. The Trustee has been monitoring and managing the financial risk arising from currency exchange rate fluctuation by establishing a financial reserve. A Foreign Exchange Hedging program was considered as a potential solution for managing the foreign exchange uncertainty during the GEF-7 replenishment meetings⁶. Participants had mixed views on the hedging proposal and, on balance, expressed a preference to defer the decision to a later date. During the GEF-8 negotiations, participants expressed limited interest in revisiting the hedging solution. As such, the Trustee continues to use the financial reserve mechanism for GEF-8 and monitors the level of reserve making periodic adjustments based on multiple factors including the foreign exchange fluctuations. The current financial reserve level stands at USD 175 million.

15. *Instrument of Commitment.* Contributing Participant pledges to the four-year replenishment are formalized by the deposit of an Instrument of Commitment (IoC) with the Trustee. An IoC constitutes a legally binding obligation on the part of the contributor to pay the total amount specified to the GEF Trust Fund. Some contributors are not able to provide legally binding IoCs for the entire replenishment period; they may deposit a qualified IoC with the Trustee, agreeing to pay a part of their contribution without qualification while the remainder is still subject to enactment by their legislature of the necessary appropriation legislation. A contributor depositing a qualified IoC undertakes to exercise its best efforts to obtain legislative approval for the full amount of its contribution by the same payment dates applicable to unqualified IoCs, as set out in a replenishment resolution.

16. *Payment of contributions*

- a) *Timing:* Contributing Participants are required to fulfill their financial commitments in four annual installments by November 30 of each year. Upon written request from a contributor, the Trustee may agree to allow a contributor to expedite the installment payment in fewer than the standard four installments. Alternatively, the Trustee may agree to a request to postpone the payment of any installment, or a portion of the installment, up to, but not beyond, June 30 of the calendar year following the year in which the installment is due. Payments made pursuant to these agreements with the Trustee are deemed to be timely, i.e., not in arrears.
- b) *Form of payment:* Payments for each subscription can be in cash or, at the option of the contributor, by depositing in the designated GEF Trust Fund custody account, non-negotiable non-interest-bearing notes (promissory note) or similar obligations, to be drawn down in cash (encashed) on demand by the GEF Trustee.

⁴ Planning note for the Ninth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund, GEF-9 Replenishment: Participation, Work Plan and Proposed Timetable, GEF/R.9/Rev 01, March 5, 2025.

⁵ For more information refer to paper entitled Reference Exchange Rates for Use in the Ninth GEF Replenishment (Prepared by the Trustee), GEF/R.9/03 May 15, 2025.

⁶ Financial Considerations for the GEF-7 Replenishment (Prepared by the GEF Trustee), GEF/R.7/16, Dec 22, 2017.

17. *Encashment of Promissory Notes:* Promissory notes are payable on demand and are normally encashed (or drawn down) on an approximately pro-rata basis among contributors. The Council approves the replenishment work program over the four-year replenishment period. Trustee commitments and disbursements for those same funding decisions occur over a more extended period as activities are implemented. Accordingly, drawdowns on promissory notes typically occur over the period set out in an indicative encashment schedule, which is attached to the replenishment resolution. The encashment schedule, which normally extends up to ten years, is based on the projected disbursement needs of the GEF Agencies, while also taking into consideration of a contributor's preference for encashment levels, which do not fluctuate sharply from period to period. The Trustee will provide an indicative encashment schedule for GEF-9 at the Third Meeting of the GEF-9 replenishment.

18. In the past, contributors paying their installments with promissory notes, or similar obligations, have also been able to benefit from some flexibility in encashment arrangements. The Trustee may agree to encash promissory notes on a basis other than that of the indicative schedule if the revised encashment schedule is no less favorable to the GEF Trust Fund than the indicative schedule. Additionally, at the written request of a contributor who is experiencing exceptionally difficult budgetary circumstances, the Trustee may permit postponement of encashment for: (a) up to two years, for a contributor who is also a recipient of the GEF; and (b) up to 45 days for all other contributors.

19. *Accelerated encashment framework.* As described above, a contributor may choose to take advantage of the flexibility provided for in the payment procedures, as long as the present value of its cash payments to the GEF Trust Fund is at least the same as the present value generated under the indicative schedule. Contributors can accelerate either their cash installment payments or the encashment of their promissory notes. Contributors can choose to use the acceleration in either of two ways:

- Reducing the actual payment amount in the currency of contribution or taking a "discount". In this case, the present value of the contribution is maintained through a combination of accelerating the payment schedule and reducing the actual cash payment amount. Under this option, there is no impact on the SDR value of the contribution.
- Increasing the SDR value of the contribution while maintaining the actual payment amount in the currency of contribution or taking a "credit". In this case, the present value of the contribution is increased by accelerating the payment, and the burden-share can be increased, or the contributor can receive credit for a supplemental contribution. The selection of a credit enhances the SDR value of a contribution and can be applied to the contributor's basic and/or supplemental contribution.

20. The selection of a discount or credit (and corresponding increase in the basic or supplemental contribution amount) is generally made at the pledging session and reflected in the final contribution table attached to the replenishment resolution. The discount or credit selection is also expected to be confirmed at the time an IoC is deposited with the Trustee. If, for any reason, a contributor wishes to change its discount or credit decision after replenishment negotiations are completed, its burden-share, and the SDR value of its contribution, would be affected retroactively.

III. Funds Carried over from the Previous Replenishments

21. In each GEF replenishment, resources may be carried over from previous replenishments. The two main sources of such resources are: (a) Contributing Participant IoCs and installment payments not yet received by the end of a given replenishment period, and (b) available resources not committed during the previous replenishment period.

22. *IoCs not yet deposited with the Trustee.* As shown in Table 1 below, as of February 28, 2025, GEF contributors had not confirmed their pledges to the GEF (through submission of the IoCs) for the amount of USD 35.7 million, of which USD 15 million represents IoCs not yet received for GEF-6 and the balance represents outstanding IoCs from other replenishments.

Table 1. IoCs Not Yet Deposited with the Trustee (as of February 28, 2025)

| Instruments of Commitment to be Deposited For Previous Replenishments | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Status as of February 28, 2025 | | | | |
| (Amounts in millions) | | | | |
| <u>Contributing Participant</u> | <u>Replenishment</u> | <u>Currency of Obligation</u> | <u>Amount in Currency of Obligation</u> | <u>Amount in USD eq. a/</u> |
| Nigeria | GEF-4 | SDR | 4.0 | 5.2 |
| Total GEF-4 IoCs Not Yet Deposited | | | | 5.2 |
| Greece | GEF-5 | EUR | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| Nigeria | GEF-5 | NGN | 921.9 | 0.6 |
| Portugal | GEF-5 | EUR | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| Total GEF-5 IoCs Not Yet Deposited | | | | 9.8 |
| Russian Federation | GEF-6 | USD | 15.0 | 15.0 |
| Total GEF-6 IoCs Not Yet Deposited | | | | 15.0 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | GEF-8 | USD | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| Total GEF-8 IoCs Not Yet Deposited | | | | 5.7 |
| Total GEF-4, GEF-5, GEF-6 and GEF-8 IoCs Not Yet Deposited | | | | 35.7 |

a/ Based on exchange rates as of February 28, 2025.

Note: Totals may not add up accurately due to rounding.

23. *Payments not yet received (arrears).* Table 2 below presents the status of contributions in arrears to the GEF. The amount of arrears as of February 28, 2025, totaled USD 89.58 million.

Table 2. Installment Arrears by Replenishment (as of February 28, 2025)

| Installment arrears by replenishment | | | | |
|--|-------|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Status as of February 28, 2025 (in millions) | | | | |
| Contributing Participant | Repl. | Currency | Installment Receivable Amount | USDeq. (millions) a/ |
| Egypt | GEF-1 | SDR | 0.53 | 0.70 |
| United States | GEF-2 | USD | 88.01 | 88.01 |
| Nigeria | GEF-3 | SDR | 0.67 | 0.87 |
| Total | | | | 89.58 |

a/ Based on exchange rates as of February 28, 2025.

Note: Totals may not add up accurately due to rounding.

24. Available resources not committed during the previous replenishment cycle. Any GEF-8 available resources that remain unallocated by the end of the GEF-8 replenishment period will be carried over to the GEF-9 replenishment.

IV. Projected Investment Income

25. Projected investment income over the replenishment period is estimated using projected liquidity balances for the four-year period, and the expected investment return over that period. The actual amount of investment income earned will naturally depend on actual liquidity balances and market conditions.

V. Reflows from Non-Grant Instruments

26. Non-Grant Instruments (NGI) of the GEF provides concessional non-grant resources to private and public sector entities to demonstrate the impact of innovative financing mechanisms to combat global environmental degradation. Resources provided under the NGI Instruments are expected to be returned to the GEF Trust Fund over time. As such, reflows from NGI expected during GEF-9 period will be included in the resource envelope available for programming under GEF-9.

VI. For Discussion

27. The GEF Contributing Participants may wish to explore the following financial matters for the GEF-9 replenishment.

1. Determining GEF-9 Contribution Levels

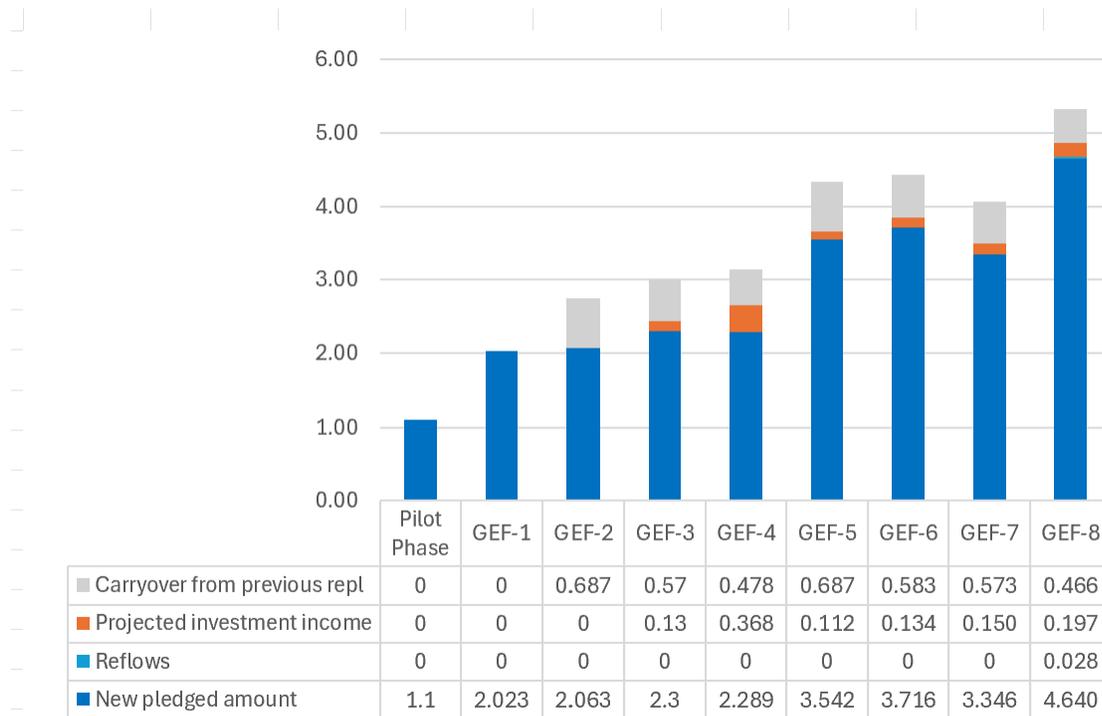
28. As described in Section I above, the key objective of the replenishment negotiations is to mobilize adequate funding within an appropriate burden-sharing framework. The principles guiding the burden-sharing framework are transparency, equity, and ability to pay. Multiple approaches to determine contribution levels can be used, such as shares from previous GEF replenishments, IDA shares, relative Gross National Income (GNI), or voluntary contributions not linked to a specific share. As economic

circumstances change over replenishment periods, each Contributing Participant may wish to consider options that best fit their overall objectives under a common, agreed financing framework.

2. Programming of Arrears

29. GEF funding decisions are made on the basis of resources actually received in the GEF Trust Fund (“funds held in trust”). Nevertheless, an envelope of resources that includes contribution amounts in arrears is used for program planning over the replenishment period, even if these arrears have been outstanding for many years (see Table 2 above). It could be argued that such an approach helps preserve previous overall replenishment amounts, and that exclusion of arrears could diminish incentives for the concerned contributors to deliver on their past obligations. On the other hand, it may also be argued that inclusion of protracted arrears may have limited bearing on the willingness or ability of these contributors to pay, and that their inclusion overstates the true amount likely to be available for programming during the replenishment period. Participants may wish to explore options to incentivize payment of amounts in arrears.

Annex 1. Historical Pledged amounts to GEF Replenishments (USD billion)



Annex 2. GEF-1 through GEF-8 Historical Basic Shares

Basic Shares by Replenishment

| | Basic Shares by Replenishment | | | | | | | | Average Basic Shares | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | GEF-1 (%) | GEF-2 (%) | GEF-3 (%) | GEF-4 (%) | GEF-5 (%) | GEF-6 (%) | GEF-7 (%) | GEF-8 (%) | Average GEF-1 through GEF-7 (%) | Average GEF-1 through GEF-8 (%) |
| Argentina | - | a/ | | | | | | | | - |
| Australia | 1.46 | | 1.46 | 1.46 | 1.46 | 1.46 | 1.25 | 0.85 | 1.43 | 1.36 |
| Austria | 0.90 | | 0.90 | 0.90 | 1.21 | 1.21 | 1.26 | 0.99 | 1.04 | 1.03 |
| Bangladesh | - | a/ | | | | | | | | - |
| Belgium | 1.55 | | 1.55 | 1.55 | 1.55 | 1.55 | 1.55 | 1.63 | 1.55 | 1.56 |
| Brazil | - | a/ | | | | a | | | | - |
| Canada | 4.00 | | 4.00 | 4.28 | 4.28 | 4.28 | 4.28 | 3.81 | 2.65 | 4.13 |
| China | - | a/ | - | a/ | - | a | - | a/ | - | a/ |
| Cote d'Ivoire | - | a/ | - | a/ | - | a/ | - | - | - | - |
| Czech Republic | - | a/ | - | a/ | - | a/ | - | a/ | - | a/ |
| Denmark | 1.30 | | 1.30 | 1.30 | 1.30 | 1.71 | 1.59 | 1.89 | 1.40 | 1.46 |
| Egypt, Arab Republic of | - | a/ | | | | | | | | - |
| Finland | 1.00 | | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.81 | 0.85 | 0.97 | 0.96 |
| France | 7.02 | | 6.81 | 6.81 | d/ | 6.76 | 6.23 | 6.27 | 5.23 | 6.70 |
| Germany | 11.00 | | 11.00 | 11.00 | d/ | 10.89 | 9.57 | 10.51 | 11.81 | 10.66 |
| Greece | 0.05 | | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | | | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| India | - | a/ | - | a/ | - | a | - | a/ | - | a/ |
| Indonesia | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ireland | 0.11 | | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.18 | 0.11 | 0.12 |
| Italy | 5.30 | | 4.39 | 4.39 | 4.39 | 2.89 | 2.51 | 2.30 | 1.77 | 3.74 |
| Japan | 18.70 | | 17.63 | 17.63 | d/ | 11.48 | 12.61 | 13.33 | 9.27 | 15.73 |
| Korea, Republic of | 0.23 | | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.15 | 0.11 | 0.20 | 0.19 |
| Luxembourg | 0.05 | | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Mexico | - | a/ | - | a/ | - | a | - | a/ | - | a/ |
| Netherlands | 3.30 | | 3.30 | 3.30 | 2.60 | 2.27 | 2.09 | 2.09 | 2.88 | 2.78 |
| New Zealand | 0.12 | | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 |
| Nigeria | - | a/ | - | a/ | - | a | - | a/ | - | a/ |
| Norway | 1.42 | | 1.06 | 1.44 | 1.34 | 1.52 | 1.36 | 1.35 | 1.37 | 1.36 |
| Pakistan | - | a/ | - | a/ | - | a | - | a/ | - | a/ |
| Portugal | 0.12 | | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | | | 0.12 | 0.98 |
| Russian Federation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Slovak Republic | - | a/ | | | | | | | | |
| Slovenia | | a/ | - | a/ | 0.03 | b/ | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.10 | 0.03 |
| South Africa | | | | | - | a/ | - | a | - | - |
| Spain | 0.80 | | 0.80 | 0.80 | 1.00 | 0.97 | 0.84 | 0.25 | 0.52 | 0.78 |
| Sweden | 2.62 | | 2.62 | 2.62 | 2.62 | 2.29 | 2.29 | 5.28 | 6.85 | 2.91 |
| Switzerland | 1.74 | | 2.43 | 2.26 | 2.10 | 2.30 | 2.55 | 2.45 | 2.16 | 2.20 |
| Turkey | - | a/ | - | a/ | - | a/ | e | | | |
| United Kingdom | 6.15 | | 6.15 | 6.92 | 6.92 | 6.93 | 6.73 | 7.05 | 6.69 | 6.67 |
| United States | 20.86 | | 20.84 | 17.94 | c/ | 20.86 | d/ | 13.07 | 11.35 | 5.71 |
| Total | 89.80 | | 88.53 | 86.07 | 89.43 | 72.76 | 69.90 | 67.43 | 66.05 | 80.62 |
| | | | | | | | | | | 79.67 |

a/ Recipient donors are not assigned basic shares.

b/ Slovenia took up a basic share in GEF-4.

c/ The United States pledged USD 500 million (representing a basic share of 20.86%) during the GEF-3 negotiations, of which USD 70 million was conditional upon achievement of the performance measures outlined in Schedule 1 to Attachment 1 of the GEF-3 Resolution. Such measures were not met, consequently the United States share of 20.86% was revised to 17.94%.

d/ These shares represent the agreed basic shares. Burdensharing in GEF-4 was based on the 'New Donor Money required' figure of USD 2.45 billion, except for the United States, Japan, France and Germany, which were based on the 'New Donor Money required' figure of USD 1.56 billion.

e/ Turkey pledged SDR 4 million and was not assigned basic share. However, in September 2012, Turkey informed the Trustee that it will not participate in the GEF-5

Annex 3. GEF-1 through GEF-8 Historical Actual Shares

| | Actual Shares by Replenishment ** | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Actual Shares by Replenishment | | | | | | | | Average Actual Shares | |
| | GEF-1 (%) | GEF-2 (%) | GEF-3 (%) | GEF-4 (%) | GEF-5 (%) | GEF-6 (%) | GEF-7 (%) | GEF-8 (%) | Average GEF-1 through GEF-7 (%) | Average GEF-1 through GEF-8 (%) |
| Argentina | 0.25 | | | | | | | | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Australia | 1.45 | 1.62 | 1.58 | 1.98 | 2.29 | 2.38 | 1.66 | 1.26 | 1.85 | 1.78 |
| Austria | 0.99 | 1.02 | 1.01 | 1.39 | 1.74 | 1.83 | 1.68 | 1.46 | 1.38 | 1.39 |
| Bangladesh | 0.14 | | | | | | | | 0.14 | 0.14 |
| Belgium | 1.59 | 1.72 | 1.89 | 2.70 | 3.34 | 2.81 | 2.09 | 2.41 | 2.31 | 2.32 |
| Brazil | 0.28 | | | 0.26 | 0.35 | 0.43 | 0.17 | 0.13 | 0.30 | 0.27 |
| Canada | 4.30 | 5.12 | 4.64 | 5.69 | 5.86 | 6.08 | 5.06 | 4.30 | 5.25 | 5.13 |
| China | 0.28 | 0.41 | 0.48 | 0.45 | 0.42 | 0.54 | 0.61 | 0.68 | 0.46 | 0.49 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.23 | | | | 0.16 | | 0.24 | 0.24 |
| Czech Republic | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.20 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.12 | 0.23 | 0.22 |
| Denmark | 1.74 | 1.45 | 1.60 | 2.43 | 2.29 | 2.21 | 2.11 | 2.79 | 1.98 | 2.08 |
| Egypt, Arab Republic of | 0.28 | | | | | | | | 0.28 | 0.28 |
| Finland | 1.07 | 1.11 | 1.20 | 1.82 | 2.44 | 2.46 | 1.08 | 1.25 | 1.60 | 1.55 |
| France | 7.11 | 7.30 | 7.39 | 8.21 | 8.42 | 8.07 | 8.34 | 7.73 | 7.83 | 7.82 |
| Germany | 11.91 | 11.10 | 13.28 | 12.83 | 13.56 | 12.39 | 13.96 | 17.55 | 12.72 | 13.32 |
| Greece | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.26 | 0.33 | 0.19 | | | | 0.26 | 0.26 |
| India | 0.42 | 0.45 | 0.46 | 0.43 | 0.28 | 0.32 | 0.42 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40 |
| Ireland | 0.12 | 0.28 | 0.26 | 0.33 | 0.24 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.28 | 0.24 | 0.24 |
| Italy | 5.26 | 4.56 | 4.76 | 4.69 | 3.34 | 3.26 | 3.06 | 2.62 | 4.13 | 3.94 |
| Japan | 20.58 | 20.81 | 19.12 | 13.27 | 14.30 | 16.34 | 17.71 | 13.70 | 17.45 | 16.98 |
| Korea, Republic of | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.25 | 0.29 | 0.23 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.16 | 0.25 | 0.24 |
| Luxembourg | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.13 | 0.22 | 0.21 |
| Mexico | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.28 | 0.53 | 0.56 | 0.21 | 0.34 | 0.33 |
| Netherlands | 3.54 | 3.67 | 3.71 | 4.77 | 3.24 | 2.93 | 2.78 | 3.09 | 3.52 | 3.47 |
| New Zealand | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.24 | 0.35 | 0.23 | 0.25 |
| Nigeria | | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.17 | | | | 0.23 | 0.23 |
| Norway | 1.55 | 1.58 | 1.14 | 1.54 | 1.67 | 1.97 | 1.80 | 1.99 | 1.61 | 1.66 |
| Pakistan | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.16 | | 0.22 | 0.22 |
| Portugal | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.31 | 0.17 | | | | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Russian Federation | | | | | 0.31 | 0.40 | | | 0.35 | 0.35 |
| Slovak Republic | 0.28 | | | | | | | | 0.28 | 0.28 |
| Slovenia | | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.28 | 0.19 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 |
| South Africa | | | | 0.26 | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.14 | 0.21 | 0.19 |
| Spain | 0.97 | 0.83 | 0.87 | 1.15 | 1.20 | 1.09 | 0.33 | 0.77 | 0.92 | 0.90 |
| Sweden | 2.89 | 2.92 | 3.27 | 4.86 | 3.71 | 5.48 | 7.02 | 10.13 | 4.31 | 5.03 |
| Switzerland | 2.22 | 2.21 | 2.63 | 3.03 | 3.27 | 3.64 | 3.39 | 3.63 | 2.91 | 3.00 |
| Turkey | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.26 | | | | | 0.26 | 0.26 |
| United Kingdom | 6.68 | 7.01 | 8.59 | 10.97 | 9.30 | 8.72 | 9.36 | 9.66 | 8.66 | 8.79 |
| United States | 21.34 | 21.69 | 19.45 | 13.92 | 16.28 | 14.70 | 15.17 | 12.90 | 17.51 | 16.93 |
| Total | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | | |

** Actual shares represent total contributions paid to a replenishment (basic, all supplemental contributions, and credits for acceleration).

Annex 4. Minimum Contribution Inflation Adjustment Methodology

The measure of inflation applied to the minimum contribution amount for participants is the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) deflator. The SDR deflator is used as a measure of world inflation for annual adjustments to operational and analytical income thresholds and World Bank Atlas method estimates of Gross Net Income (GNI) per capita.

The SDR deflator⁷ is calculated by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on an annual basis and is typically available at a six-month lag. As such, the latest data point available is for December 31, 2023.

When the SDR deflator is applied to the minimum contribution amount for GEF participants of SDR 4.0 million over the last four calendar years, the result is an increase in the minimum contribution amount to SDR 4.5 million for GEF-9 (refer to Table 1 below). Given this, the minimum contribution amount for the GEF-9 replenishment discussions will increase to SDR 4.5 million.

Table 1: Calculation of Inflation-Adjusted Minimum Contribution for GEF-9 Participating Members.

| Year | SDR Deflator in US\$ terms | SDR inflation rate (% change) | Inflation Adjusted Minimum Contribution for GEF 9 Participants (SDR million) |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 2019 | 333.9 | | 4.00 |
| 2020 | 338.2 | 1.3 | |
| 2021 | 351.7 | 4.0 | |
| 2022 | 368.9 | 4.9 | |
| 2023 | 373.1 | 1.2 | 4.47 |

⁷ Source: The World Bank, 1 July 2024.