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EXCERPTS FROM THE JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS

1. The Council, having considered document GEF/C.61/06, *Work Program for GEF Trust Fund*, approves the Work Program comprising 25 projects and 1 program, subject to comments made during the Council meeting and additional comments that may be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by January 7, 2022^{1,2,3}.
2. Total resources approved in this Work Program amounted to \$190.7 million which include GEF project financing and Agency fees. The Work Program is comprised of the following Project Identification Forms (PIFs), Program Framework Documents (PFDs), and Non-expedited Enabling Activity:
 3. **Global (Ecuador, India, Kenya, Lao PDR, Philippines, Uruguay, Viet Nam):** Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management (FARM), UNEP, UNDP, ADB, UNIDO, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 37,441,500] [GEF ID 10872]
 4. **Tonga:** Implementation of the Fanga'uta Lagoon Stewardship Plan and Replication of Lessons Learned to Priority Areas in Vava'u (Tonga R2R Phase 2), UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 3,864,685] [GEF ID 10518]
 5. **India:** Strengthening institutional capacities for securing biodiversity conservation commitments, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 4,880,000] [GEF ID 10776]
 6. **Cabo Verde:** Strengthening biodiversity governance systems for the sustainable management of living natural resources in Cabo Verde, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 3,484,703] [GEF ID 10871]
 7. **Marshall Islands:** Marshall Islands Building Energy Efficiency, IUCN, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 2,193,578] [GEF ID 10859]
 8. **Cabo Verde:** Towards Land Degradation Neutrality for Improved Equity, Sustainability, and Resilience, FAO, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 2,183,105] [GEF ID 10863]
 9. **India:** Sustainable Management and Restoration of Degraded Landscapes for Achieving Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) in India, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 6,600,000] [GEF ID 10876]

¹ The United States, in light of its policies for certain development projects in countries whose governments (i) are not addressing trafficking in persons; (ii) have engaged in a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; or (iii) do not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security forces, opposes the following projects and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF projects 10865 in Comoros and 10864 in China.

² China opposes the following project and therefore does not join a Council decision that would support: GEF Project 10856 in St-Kitts and Nevis.

³ The decision with respect to project review for UNDP projects (Decision GEF/C.61/04) will apply to all UNDP projects in this WP.

10. **Sri Lanka:** Integrated Management and Environmentally Sound Disposal of POPs Pesticides and Mercury in Healthcare and Agricultural Sectors in Sri Lanka, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$5,040,000] [GEF ID 10868]
11. **Egypt:** Improved Management Of Ewaste And Healthcare Waste To Reduce Emissions Of Unintentionally Produced POPs (UPOPs), World Bank, [GEF Program Financing: \$9,132,421] [GEF ID 10879]
12. **Regional (Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal):** Enhancing the sustainable management of Senegalo-Mauritanian Aquifer System to ensure access to water for populations facing climate change (SMAS), UNEP, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 3,150,000] [GEF ID 10784]
13. **Regional (Malaysia, Thailand):** Enhancing Environmental Security and Transboundary Cooperation in the Golok/Kolok River Basin, FAO, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 4,000,000] [GEF ID 10794]
14. **Regional (Barbados, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago):** Strategies, technologies and social solutions to manage bycatch in tropical Large Marine Ecosystem Fisheries (REBYC-III CLME+), FAO, [GEF Program Financing: \$5,329,452] [GEF ID 10857]
15. **Regional (Indonesia, Timor Leste):** Towards Sustainable and Conversion-Free Aquaculture in Indonesian Seas Large Marine Ecosystem (ISLME), ADB, [GEF Program Financing: \$4,449,542] [GEF ID 10867]
16. **Regional (Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo):** Using Marine Spatial Planning in the Gulf of Guinea for the implementation of Payment for Ecosystem Services and Coastal Nature-based Solutions, IUCN, [GEF Program Financing: \$3,000,000] [GEF ID 10875]
17. **Regional (Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia):** Implementing the Strategic Action Programme of the Drin Basin to Strengthen Transboundary Cooperation and Enable Integrated Natural Resources Management, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$7,105,936] [GEF ID 10881]
18. **Armenia:** Conservation and Sustainable Management of Land Resources and High Value Ecosystems in Lake Sevan Basin for Multiple Benefits, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$3,598,631] [GEF ID 10854]
19. **Micronesia:** Securing Climate-Resilient Sustainable Land Management and Progress Towards Land Degradation Neutrality in the Federated States of Micronesia, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$5,155,255] [GEF ID 10858]
20. **Marshall Islands:** Sustainable food systems and integrated land/seascape management in the Marshall Islands, FAO, [GEF Program Financing: \$2,100,913] [GEF ID 10862]
21. **Regional (Cabo Verde, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Mauritius, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles):** Supporting Sustainable Inclusive Blue Economy Transformation in AIO SIDS, UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 9,003,847] [GEF ID 10865]
22. **Mexico:** Promoting sustainability in the agave-mezcal value chain through restoration and integrated management of biocultural landscapes in Oaxaca, UNEP, [GEF Program Financing: \$4,507,534] [GEF ID 10869]

23. **South Sudan:** Promoting Sustainable Approaches to Ecosystem Conservation in the Imatong landscape of South Sudan, UNEP, [GEF Program Financing: \$3,502,968] [GEF ID 10870]
24. **Regional (Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand):** Effectively Managing Networks of Marine Protected Areas in Large Marine Ecosystems in the ASEAN Region (ASEAN ENMAPS), UNDP, [GEF Program Financing: \$12,548,861] [GEF ID 10873]
25. With respect to the following 4 projects, the Council requested the Secretariat to arrange for Council members to receive draft final project documents and to transmit to the CEO within four weeks any concerns they may have prior to the CEO's endorsing the project document for final approval by the GEF Agency:
26. **China:** Sustainable Mercury Management in Non-ferrous Metal Industry, World Bank, [GEF Program Financing: \$20,300,000] [GEF ID 10864]
27. **St. Kitts and Nevis:** Achieving a rapid decarbonization of the energy sector in Saint Kitts and Nevis, UNEP, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 3,318,995] [GEF ID 10856]
28. **India:** Improving thermal energy efficiency in the design, manufacture and operation of industrial boilers for low-carbon micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises in India, UNIDO, [GEF Program Financing: \$ 2,664,690] [GEF ID 10878]
29. **Regional (Ecuador, Peru):** Green Finance & Sustainable Agriculture in the Dry Forest Ecoregion of Ecuador and Peru, CAF, [GEF Program Financing: \$6,000,000] [GEF ID 10852]
30. With respect to the PIFs and Non-expedited Enabling Activity approved as part of the Work Program, the Council finds that each of these PIFs and Non-expedited Enabling Activity (i) is, or would be, consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures, and (ii) may be endorsed by the CEO for final approval by the GEF Agency, provided that the final project documents fully incorporate and address the Council's and the STAP reviewer's comments on the Work Program, and that the CEO confirms that the project continues to be consistent with the Instrument and GEF policies and procedures.
31. With respect to any PIF and Non-expedited Enabling Activity approved in this Work Program, the final project document will be posted on the GEF website for information after CEO endorsement. If there are major changes to the project objectives or scope since PIF approval, the final project document shall be posted on the web for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement.
32. With respect to the PFDs approved as part of the Work Program, the final child project documents fully incorporating and addressing the Council's and STAP reviews shall be circulated for Council review for four weeks prior to CEO endorsement/approval.