

## **Submission by Ireland and the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and its Member States**

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### **Subject: Guidance to the Global Environmental Facility**

The European Union and its Member States would like to take the opportunity to submit inputs regarding future guidance to the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Taking into account that the GEF receives guidance from a handful of UN Conferences of the Parties and in view of ensuring that a higher degree of the GEF resources can be used for implementing projects in implementing countries, the EU wishes to emphasize that future guidance should not repeat existing guidance that relates to ongoing mandates of the Council, is already included in the Council's workplan or is under the consideration of the Council, and that guidance should be targeted, forward-looking, and designed to address strategic challenges, in order to fulfil its purpose.

In this spirit, the European Union and its Members States would like to welcome the recent adoption at the GEF Assembly in June 2026 of the Bonn Consensus for the GEF-9 replenishment and to submit that the following items should guide the GEF's activities, on top of its ongoing activities:

#### **1. Welcome the Bonn Consensus and GEF-9 replenishment**

Following the GEF Assembly in Uzbekistan in June 2026, with the adoption of Bonn Consensus and the ninth replenishment to the GEF held in Paris in May 2025, the COP and CMA should welcome the adoption of the Bonn Consensus at the GEF Assembly and encourage its full implementation. The COP and CMA should also welcome all the contributions made with developed countries taking the lead, and highlight that new contributors are welcome to provide finance.

*Justification: This proposal supports the implementation of Articles 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 of the Paris Agreement by recognizing the conclusion of the ninth GEF replenishment with its financial and substantive outcome.*