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The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 3/CP.17, annex,

1. [Welcomes][Notes] the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session, including the information therein on action taken by the Board of the Fund in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties, while noting that there is room for improvement;

2. Welcomes:

- (a) The increase in the number of funding proposals approved, which brings the total amount approved by the Board to USD 19.3 billion to support the implementation of 336 adaptation and mitigation projects and programmes in 134 developing countries;
- (b) The increase in the number of entities accredited by the Board, which brings the total number of accredited entities to 158, of which 106 are direct access entities;
- (c) The increase in the approval of grants for readiness support for national adaptation plans and other adaptation planning processes, bringing the total number of grants approved for readiness support for national adaptation plans and other adaptation planning processes to 144;
- (d) The number of approved projects focused on technology representing 83 per cent of the project portfolio (261 in total), and that the Fund continues to progress in advancing efforts related to technology incubation and acceleration, and providing readiness support for technology and technology needs assessments;
- (e) The approval by the Board of the Fund's revised accreditation framework², emphasizing that its implementation should enhance access to the Funds resources and improve the speed, predictability, efficiency, flexibility and transparency of processes, while ensuring that accredited entities remain compliant with environmental and social safeguards, including the gender and Indigenous Peoples policies of the Fund³;
- 3. *Stresses* that the revised accreditation framework must contribute to the achievement of the Strategic Plan for the Green Climate Fund 2024–2027⁴ goal of doubling the number of direct access entities with approved funding proposals under the Fund, *noting* the persistent challenges they face in accessing resources of the Fund;
- 4. *Urges* the Board to further enhance the efficient and timely delivery of resources and to simplify access modalities, including through improvements to and, as appropriate, expansion beyond the existing Simplified Approval Process of the Fund, with a view to reducing procedural burdens and ensuring more timely, effective and equitable access to resources for developing country Parties;
- 5. Encourages the Board to continue to promote the use of direct access modalities, including by enhancing efforts to support capacity-building for direct access entities and improving non-governmental direct access, including for Indigenous Peoples, through, inter

¹ FCCC/CP/2025/7 and Add.1.

² Contained in Green Climate Fund document GCF/B.42/13.

³ Contained in Green Climate Fund documents GCF/B.24/12 and GCF/B.19/11.

⁴ Contained in annex III to Green Climate Fund document GCF/B.36/21.

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alia, the implementation of the revised accreditation framework and in line with the recommendations of the Independent Evaluation Unit of the Fund in its evaluation of the Fund's approach to Indigenous Peoples⁵;

- 6. Encourages the Fund to continue to strengthen its partnerships with the private sector, in particular with small and medium-sized enterprises, in a manner that complements public finance and supports the implementation of country-driven priorities, and to pursue such partnerships alongside increased contributions from developed country Parties;
- 7. *Invites* the Board to consider recognizing subnational, national, regional and international entities accredited to the Adaptation Fund or the Global Environment Facility as functionally equivalent to an accredited entity of the Fund, subject to the limitations of their accreditation and the relevant decisions of the Adaptation Fund Board and the Council of the Global Environment Facility;
- 8. Requests the Board to consider measures to enhance the efficiency of its decision-making on funding proposals and accreditation, including options for considering requests in this regard and approving them in decisions taken between Board meetings;
- 9. *Notes* that none of the Fund's policies currently limit the number of funding proposals that an accredited entity may submit or the number of proposals the Board may approve for any one accredited entity at any given time and *requests* the Board to ensure that any future policies do not introduce limitations in this regard;
- 10. *Notes* the concerns raised regarding recent decisions by the Board taken on access to funding, and *recalls* that all developing country Parties are eligible to receive funding under the Fund, including through concessional and grant-based instruments, and *encourages* the Board, when applying its procedures for adopting decisions where all efforts at reaching consensus have been exhausted, to do so in a manner that upholds the Governing Instrument of the Fund,⁶ ensures clarity and predictability for all Parties and provides for appropriate procedural accountability, including, as appropriate, the reconsideration of affected funding proposals;
- 11. *Notes* the progress of the Board in reducing project review times to nine months or less and *urges* the Board to take action to expedite disbursement of funding and enhance implementation efficiency, and to ensure that policy proposals submitted to the Board are supported by a clear rationale and robust analysis;
- 12. Encourages the Fund to continue to improve complementarity and coherence with other [multilateral climate funds][vertical climate and environment funds and with the wider financing landscape, including in particular multilateral development banks], as envisaged in Strategic Plan for the Fund 2024–2027[, including by considering the harmonization of reporting metrics][and strengthen the joint action plan on complementarity and coherence][, without restricting the access of developing countries to funding, while preserving existing access modalities];
- 13. Encourages the Board, in selecting regional offices pursuant to Board decisions GCF/B.41/10 and GCF/B.42/1, to ensure due consideration of budgetary implications, equitable regional and subregional balance, and multilingualism that addresses challenges related to language, and to undertake a thorough review process and ensure the decision thereon is by consensus of members of the Board;
- 14. *Encourages* the Board to further promote technology development and transfer in line with the Governing Instrument and relevant policies of the Fund, including by strengthening

⁵ https://ieu.greenclimate.fund/document/final-report-ips2024.

⁶ Annex I to decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5.

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synergies between the Fund and the Climate Technology Centre and Network and ensuring that priorities identified in technology needs assessments and technology action plans guide technology innovation and deployment programmes;

- 15. Encourages the Board to expedite the adoption of the policies and guidelines necessary for strengthening the Fund secretariat's financial management capabilities, including through the adoption of a policy on foreign currency hedging and a policy on foreign exchange management and liquidity management;
- 16. Expresses concern about the lack of commitment authority within the Fund and requests the Board to urgently consider ways to enhance the commitment authority of the Fund;
- 17. *Urges* the Board to adopt an updated gender action plan for the period of the second replenishment of the Fund;
- 18. *Invites* Parties to submit views and recommendations on elements of guidance for the Fund via the submission portal⁷ no later than 16 weeks prior to the thirty-first session (November 2026) of the Conference of the Parties;
- 19. Requests the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph X above in preparing its draft guidance for the Fund for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirty-first session (November 2026) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its eighth session (November 2026);
- 20. *Also requests* the Board to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision;
- 21. Takes note of decision X/CMA.78 and decides to transmit to the Fund the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs X–X of that decision.9

⁷ https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx.

⁸ Draft decision entitled "[Y]" proposed under agenda item [Z] of the [body] at its [X] session.

⁹ In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 61.

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The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement,

- 1. Recommends that the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance contained in paragraphs X-X below;¹⁰
- 2. [Welcomes][Notes] the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session and its addendum, 11 including the information on action taken by the Board of the Fund in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
- 3. Recalls decision 1/CMA.6 and invites the Board to take into account the relevant paragraphs thereof, in particular paragraph 16, in its work, including by planning as part of its replenishment process and the next update to its strategic plan, for 2028–2031, to at least triple annual outflows, while also reflecting other elements such as improving access, efficiency and coherence;
- 4. *Encourages* the Board to continue to support adaptation action in a country-driven manner, including in the context of the global goal on adaptation.

¹⁰ In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, para. 61.

¹¹ FCCC/CP/2025/7 and Add.1.