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Proposal by CIF Administrative Unit for selection of SREP Sub-Committee Seats by Eligible Recipient Countries

Background

1. In accordance with the Governance Framework for the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF), the 12 representatives to serve as Members on the SCF Sub-Committees (six from eligible recipient countries and six from contributor countries) are to be identified through a consultation among (a) eligible recipient countries and (b) contributor countries. Consultations are to be organized for each constituency group during the Partnership Forum for the purpose of reaching agreement on the Sub-Committees' membership for the upcoming term, which begins with the first meeting after the Partnership Forum through to the next Partnership Forum (i.e., 18 month terms).
2. During the recent CIF Partnership Forum in Istanbul, consultations were held among CIF eligible recipient countries. At the time, only two SREP eligible recipient countries (Armenia and Nepal) participated in the consultations. They recommended that the existing members of the Sub-Committee should be reappointed for another 18 months until the next Partnership Forum in May 2014.
3. As there was such minimal representation in the consultations, the CIF Administrative Unit's legal advisors recommended that the Administrative Unit seek views from all eligible SREP countries as to whether they support the proposal to reappoint the current Sub-Committee members for another 18 month term or whether other proposals should be considered.
4. The CIF Administrative Unit subsequently communicated with SREP eligible countries to ascertain their views on the proposal, and a number of countries put forth alternative proposals.
5. The CIF Administrative Unit then convened a virtual meeting of interested countries to facilitate further consultations.
6. Unfortunately, technical difficulties prevented a comprehensive and conclusive discussion. Participants did agree, however, that any country wishing to be considered for Sub-Committee membership should be invited to indicate its interest in writing. It was further agreed that, based on the expressions of interest received, the CIF Administrative Unit would, taking into account considerations raised during the consultation, suggest a proposal for review and discussion at a subsequent virtual meeting.

7. Expressions of interest to nominate SREP Committee members have been received from nine SREP eligible countries: Armenia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mongolia, Maldives, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Yemen.

Considerations and Implications

8. The considerations raised by participants at the consultation are summarized below, together with reflections from the CIF Administrative Unit as to how each consideration may be achieved.

- a) *Regional representation: efforts should be made to include regional representation in the recipient country seats on the Sub-Committee.*

Countries eligible to participate in the SREP program come from the three principal regions of Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean. It should be possible to strive to ensure regional representation among the six members of the Sub-Committee. However, recognizing that five of the eight current SREP pilot countries are from Africa, a greater representation by African states may be justified.

- a) *Mix of representation from pilot countries with endorsed plans, other countries developing plans that are not yet endorsed, and non-pilot countries: Sub-Committee should include members from both pilot countries with endorsed plans and countries that still have investment plans under development.*

It should also be recalled that the SCF Trust Fund Committee requested that the recipient country members on the Sub-Committee include some representation from eligible countries that are not receiving funding through the program.

To achieve the above, consideration could be given, based on the interest of countries to nominate a representative to serve on the Sub-Committee, to including among the six seats the following: (a) two to three countries with endorsed plans, (b) two to three countries that still have investment plans under development, and (c) at least one country that is neither a pilot nor a reserve country.

- b) *Rotation of members: some underscored the importance of providing for a rotation of members to promote inclusiveness and fairness.*

Retention of existing members: some suggested it would be useful to retain some existing members to promote institutional memory and continuity.

To achieve both these goals, it might be useful to reappoint two to four members while making space for two to four new members. In considering new members, it may be helpful to consider countries that have not yet served on the Sub-Committee.

- c) *Past engagement and expressions of interest.* Participants suggested that past engagement and commitment to the SREP process could also be considered.

Since not all those interested in serving on the Sub-Committee would necessarily have had the previous opportunity to serve as a member, this consideration may be met by selecting those countries that have submitted expressions of interest.

Proposal

9. Given the considerations above and the nine countries that have confirmed their interest in nominating a representative, the CIF Administrative would suggest that the eligible recipient countries consider inviting the following six countries to nominate a representative to serve on the SREP Sub-Committee for the next 18 month term:

1. Ethiopia
2. Kenya
3. Maldives
4. Mongolia
5. Senegal
6. Solomon Islands or Vanuatu

10. The proposal meets the proposed considerations as follows:

- a) *Regional representation.* The proposal includes representation from Africa, Asia, and the Pacific. Africa would have 50% of the seats given their predominance among the pilot countries. While there is no representation from Latin America and the Caribbean, no expressions of interest were received from countries from the region (see consideration (d)).
- b) *Mix of representation among countries with endorsed investment plans, countries developing investment plans, and eligible countries not receiving funding from SREP:* The proposal includes three countries with endorsed investment plans (Kenya, Ethiopia, and Maldives), two countries currently developing investment plans (Mongolia and Vanuatu or Solomon Islands), and one country not receiving funding from the SREP (Senegal).
- c) *Rotation of members and retention of existing members.* The proposal would continue representation from two countries (Ethiopia and Kenya), while inviting four new

countries (Senegal, Maldives, Mongolia, and Solomon Islands or Vanuatu) to be represented on the Sub-Committee. The proposal does not suggest inviting Armenia and Yemen, recognizing that these countries have held seats on the Sub-Committee since 2009, having served two consecutive terms. It is suggested that after two consecutive terms, a country should defer to other interested countries for at least one term before seeking to be represented again on the Committee.

- d) *Past engagement and expressions of interest.* All countries on the proposed list indicated their interest in participating in the Sub-Committee in writing.