



**GEF-CSO NETWORK STATEMENT ON
THE SUMMARY OF NEGOTIATIONS OF THE GEF-6 REPLENISHMENT
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The GEF-CSO Network recognises the hard work that has been undertaken over the last year to negotiate the Sixth Replenishment of the GEF Trust fund and to finalise the GEF focal area strategies and the Policy Recommendations for GEF 6.

We support the design and strategic approaches of the five Focal Area programs, the strategies on SFM and corporate programme, and the three proposed Integrated Approach Pilot Programs to test innovative activities of global and regional importance, including better addressing root causes of environmental degradation. We also support the six main proposed Policy recommendations for GEF 6.

We believe however, that the Focal area strategies and policy reforms will only be effective if there are enough resources available. We are therefore not satisfied with the overall replenishment amount of \$4.433 billion US Dollar, because we believe that the level of the GEF replenishment should have been much higher given the convention guidance.

However, we very much welcome the efforts that donors took to continue their ongoing commitment. We pay specific tribute to those donors who increased their minimum contribution and to those who provided significant additional voluntary contributions showing flexibility according to the “burden sharing framework”. We acknowledge the engagement of recipient countries to also increase their shares to the trust fund, which is a promising signal in terms of taking more responsibility to mutually finance global environmental conservation activities.

We are however concerned that despite its lack of effectiveness there is still a proposal to maintain the Pro-rata provision – which has in the past led to significant deferment of GEF resources and a reduction in fund availability for recipient countries – slowing the GEF project cycle and creating uncertainty. We hope that this provision will not be applied in GEF 6.

With regards to the annex A on the programming directions and focal area strategies we appreciate the work undertaken in the replenishment process to address concerns by civil society. However, there are some areas where we believe that further guidance or clarification may be needed. We submitted comments in this regards at the final meeting of the replenishment in Geneva.

Finally, it's our view that the donor countries to the GEF gave a promising signal to the world that they will take serious action in supporting GEF to significantly reduce the deterioration of the global environment in the next four years.