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Subject JP comments on Work Programs at the last GEF council

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Dear Sir or Madam at the Secretariat:

At the last Council Meeting, Japan made many comments on the proposed PIFs. In order to make sure relevant GEF agencies aware the comments and concerns raised by our Council Member and help them address our comments, we are hereby sending our comments again on a written basis. We hope the Secretariat and GEF agencies to ensure that following comments and concerns are all satisfactory addressed by the time when the final documents are circulated.

9. Transforming management of biodiversity rich community production forests through building national capacities for market based instruments (UNDP/Mexico)

On the table of "A Project Framework", the targets and/or activities in the section of "Expected Outcome" should be the "Expected Outputs", and vice versa.

12. Chiller Energy Efficiency Project - under the Programmatic Framework for Energy Efficiency (WB/India)

When additional carbon credits are earned from the 280 chillers replacement, it should be ensured that the sub-project agreements are signed between ICICI and their owners so that the future carbon credits would belong to ICICI, under the same condition for the owners who replace their chillers through Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (MLF) and GEF support.

The GEF should precede projects in other countries required to phase out the consumption of CFCs by the end of 2009, when certain progress has been made in this India project without waiting for this project to be completed and a full evaluation to be made.

15. Mexico Rural Development (WB/ Mexico)

The "X" and "Y" in the Expected Outcome should be clearly explained in order to justify the amount of resources from GEF and the Agency.

16. Improving Efficiency in Public Buildings in the Russian Federation (EBRD/Russia)

The expected outcomes, such as "project identified and implemented", are not

appropriate for the GEF projects. Both outcomes and outputs should be more specifically identified and appropriately articulated.

37. Institutional Strengthening and Coherence for Integrated Natural Resources management (UNDP/ Iran)

The expected output of component 1, "Enhanced knowledge of the driver", should be clearly explained.

44. Demonstrating and Scaling Up Sustainable Alternatives to DDT for the control of vector borne diseases in Southern Caucasus and Central Asia (UNEP / Regional)

Co-finance should be confirmed before approval of this project.

45. Persistent Organic Pollutant Stockpile Management and Technical/Institutional Capacity Upgrading (WB / Belarus)

Project paper should describe the priority of activities in this project within NIP.

The target schedule of "report" referred in Article 15 of Stockholm Convention should also be set in this project.

46. Establishment of PCB Waste Management and Disposal System (UNDP / Brazil)

We are of the view that the output and outcomes of this project will not be necessarily important. (Reason: We are concerned about the fact that the development of NIP, which is supported by GEF, has not yet been completed in Brazil. Nevertheless, this project contains many components such as review of regulation system and upgrading of existing facilities all of which will require more financial and human resources from the Brazilian government.)

47. Environmentally sound management and disposal of obsolete POPs pesticides and other POPs wastes in China (UNIDO / China)

Standards, guidelines or tools which have been established internationally should be used;

Co-finance should be confirmed (many cases are "N.A." in proposal);

Results of a survey of soil contamination should be reported to the Secretariat as referred in Article 15 of Stockholm Convention;

How vast the land area of a country is not an appropriate "incremental reasoning" item.

48. Capacity Building for Environmentally Sound PCBs Management and Disposal

(UNIDO / Mongolia)

Consistency between this project and NIP should be described.

49. Integrated POPs Management Project: Dioxins and Furans, PCB and Contaminated Sites Management (WB / Philippines)

Consistency between this project and NIP should be described.

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