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**STATEMENT BY THE GEF TO SBI 33  
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POZNAN STRATEGIC  
PROGRAM ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) the substantial progress achieved by the GEF to date in implementing the Poznan Strategic Program on Technology Transfer. This includes technology transfer pilot projects, technology needs assessments, and long-term implementation of the strategic program.

### **Technology Transfer Pilot Projects**

I will first report on the progress made in the technology transfer pilot projects. In 2009, the GEF selected 14 project proposals for funding, with \$58 million from the GEF and \$195 million in cofinancing.

These 14 projects are being implemented in 16 countries in Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe and Central Asia. In 2010, the GEF Agencies tasked with implementing the pilot projects reported considerable progress in project development and implementation.

These projects pilot diverse and innovative technologies, including: renewable energy, such as solar, biomass, and hydrogen; energy efficient construction materials with typha and bamboo; green trucks; renewable carbon capture and

storage; and innovative irrigation for adaptation. Many feature South-South technology transfer and international collaboration, while others have significant private sector investments.

### **Technology Needs Assessments**

Mr. Chairman, next I will address progress of the TNA project, which started in 2009 to provide targeted support to 35 to 45 developing countries to prepare or update their TNAs.

In 2010, fifteen countries were selected as first round countries, and they have largely completed preparatory actions. Meanwhile technical support activities are progressing. Regional workshops, addressing how to prioritize technologies and conduct financial assessments, have already been convened. In line with COP decision 2/CP.14, the updated handbook for conducting TNAs has been used as a resource document. Finally, the selection process for the second round countries will be completed by the end of 2010.

### **Long-term Program on Technology Transfer**

Mr. Chairman, at COP 13, the Parties requested the GEF to move forward with a strategic program on technology transfer. At COP 14, our program was endorsed by the Parties and renamed the Poznan Strategic Program on Technology Transfer. At COP 15, the GEF reported on the implementation

status of the Poznan program and the GEF-5 replenishment process.

Today, at COP 16, I am very pleased to report that GEF-5 started in July of this year with a record level of replenishment at \$4.34 billion, with \$1.4 billion for climate change mitigation. The entire GEF-5 climate change portfolio supports technology transfer as defined by the IPCC, from demonstration of innovative, low-carbon technologies to diffusion of commercially proven, environmentally sound technologies and practices.

COP decision 2/CP.14 requested the GEF to consider the long-term implementation of the strategic program on technology transfer. Such a plan, if agreed by the COP, may entail the following:

- (a) Provide support for Climate Technology Centers and a Climate Technology Network
- (b) Pilot priority technology projects to foster innovation and investments
- (c) Establish Public-Private Partnership for technology transfer; and
- (d) Support technology needs assessments (TNAs).

Under the first element, the GEF could support technology centers and networks at the global, regional, and national level, and establish a technology transfer coordination function. For the second element, the GEF can support innovative technology demonstrations and deployment of commercially available

technologies.

With the third element, the GEF could promote a public-private partnership to promote innovative financial instruments and business models. Under the fourth element, the GEF is ready to provide additional support for countries to carry out and or update their TNAs.

We believe our proposal addresses the critical needs articulated in the current discussions on technology transfer. Further it could enhance technology transfer activities under the Convention in a cost effective and participatory manner, as part of a potential technology transfer decision at COP 16.

Mr. Chairman, Parties gave us a mandate in Poznan, and we delivered the program with your endorsement. We look forward to further enhancing our technology transfer initiatives under your guidance.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.