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**Information supplementary to the report of the Executive  
Director on amendments to the Instrument for the  
Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility**

**Note by the secretariat**

1. The present note provides supplementary information in support of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility (UNEP/EA.6/12).
2. Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) addressed to the Executive Director of UNEP, dated 19 October 2023, is set out in the annex to the note. The additional relevant documents are:
  - (a) The joint summary of the GEF Council Co-Chairs, dated 2 December 2022, which is available at: [joint summary of the co-chairs \(thegef.org\) \(EN\\_GEF.C.63\)](#);
  - (b) The proposed framework for the role of GEF in a financial mechanism for the internationally legally binding instrument under negotiation under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, dated 31 October 2022, which is available at: [EN\\_GEF\\_C.63\\_10\\_Proposed Framework for GEFs Role in a Financial Mechanism for the International Legally Binding Instrument under Negotiation under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea\\_BBNJ.pdf \(thegef.org\)](#);
  - (c) The document setting out amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility, dated 4 November 2022 (GEF/C.63/11), which is available at: [EN\\_GEF.C.63.11\\_Amendments to the Instrument of the Establishment of the restructured GEF.pdf \(thegef.org\)](#);
  - (d) The joint summary of the GEF Council Co-Chairs, dated 29 June 2023, which is available at: [EN\\_GEF.C.64\\_Joint Summary of the GEF Council Co-Chairs \(thegef.org\)](#);
  - (e) The document on preparing GEF to serve as part of the financial mechanism of the internationally legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national

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jurisdiction (GEF/C.64/12/Rev.02), dated 29 June 2023, which is available at:

[EN\\_GEF.C.64.12.Rev\\_02\\_Preparing\\_GEF\\_BBNJ to serve as part of the BBNJ FM.pdf \(thegef.org\)](#);

(f) The Chair's summary of the Seventh GEF Assembly, held from 22 to 25 August 2023, which is available at: [Summary of the Chair of the Seventh GEF Assembly \(thegef.org\)](#);

(g) The document setting out amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of a Restructured Global Environment Facility, dated 18 July 2023, which is available at: [GEF\\_A.7\\_08\\_Amendments to Instrument for the Establishment of a Restructured GEF \(thegef.org\)](#).

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**Annex**

October 19, 2023

Ms. Inger Andersen  
Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and  
Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme

Dear Ms. Andersen,

I am pleased to inform you that the Seventh GEF Assembly, held in Vancouver, Canada, on August 24-25, 2023, approved a series of amendments to the *Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility*.

The amendments cover several paragraphs and bring the GEF Instrument in line with current practice.

The text of the amendments, both in track changes and as clean text, is attached to this letter.

As requested in the Assembly's decision, I am submitting these amendments to you in your capacity as head of a GEF Implementing Agency and request that you undertake the necessary steps to facilitate the adoption of these amendments in accordance with your respective rules and procedural requirements.

I would appreciate it if you would keep us informed of the progress made in the adoption of these amendments so that we can confirm that they have come into force and inform the Council and Participants accordingly.

I would like to express my highest appreciation to you and your colleagues for the significant contribution that you made to the successful conclusion of the Seventh GEF Assembly.

Sincerely,

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