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MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE EVALUATION OF THE GEF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS NETWORK

(Prepared by the GEF Secretariat)

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

1. The Secretariat welcomes the report on the Evaluation of the GEF Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Network and agrees with the conclusions, which are related to the: (i) value-added of the CSO Network to the GEF Partnership, particularly as it relates to the fulfillment of its set objectives; (ii) fact that the CSO Network's activities at the country level are limited; (iii) evolution of the GEF partnership has not been accompanied by a shared vision on the role of the CSO network; and (iv) CSO Network's efforts to strengthen itself during the evaluation period.
2. The Secretariat encourages the Network to continue strengthening its governance system and complaints procedures as recommended in the evaluation report.
3. In addition, the Secretariat encourages the Network to continue its efforts to establish and strengthen its Country Focal Points.
4. The Secretariat agrees with the recommendation that a new vision should be developed for the GEF CSO Network within the GEF Partnership. The Secretariat looks forward to collaborating with the CSO Network and other partners to develop that vision.
5. Regarding the recommendation to the GEFSEC and CSO Network to develop clear rules of engagement that guide cooperation and communications, the Secretariat is pleased to report that cooperation with the new management of the Network has been strengthened through more frequent formal communication and participation of the CSO Network representatives in various task forces and working groups, including the one on public involvement. The Secretariat will assess jointly with the CSO Network regarding whether additional mechanisms are needed to further enhance cooperation.