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Dear Members and Alternate Members of the Board,

We represent civil society organizations that have long worked to ensure that the Green Climate Fund is an institution exemplifying the highest international standards when it comes to both policy and practice. To that end, we think the GCF has significant ground to cover to be considered a leading institution with regards to transparency. While we are not diving into the full range of transparency shortcomings in this letter, in light of recent Board experiences, we wanted to highlight one particular issue with regard to funding proposals.

The process by which conditions and recommendations are added, altered, and/or deleted over the course of Board deliberations on funding proposals is very unclear. For example, at the last Board meeting, a condition for FP038 GEEREF NeXt listed in the publicly-shared draft decision was removed from the final published decision, despite no publicly-voiced objections. The process through which this occurred was neither transparent nor accountable to the public.

The financing of adaptation and mitigation projects and programs lies at the heart of the GCF. To that end, we urge the Board to ensure that all potential conditions and recommendations attached to funding proposals be introduced, discussed, amended, and decided upon during open, formal sessions of the Board meeting. We equally urge that this common-sense practice be implemented at the next Board meeting at which funding proposals are to be considered.

Thank you for your consideration,

ActionAid International, Global
All Nepal Peasants Federation
Alliance for Tax and Fiscal Justice Nepal
Alliance Sud, Switzerland
ARROW, Malaysia
Asian Peoples Movement on Debt and Development, Regional
Both ENDS, The Netherlands
CARE International, Global
Center for International Environmental Law, USA
Environics Trust - India
Friends of the Earth U.S.
Heinrich Böll Stiftung North America
Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities, Philippines
Institute for Policy Studies, USA
International Rivers, Global
International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, Denmark
LDC Watch, Global
mines, minerals, Peoples - India
National Alliance of Right to Food Networks, Nepal (RtFN)
National Hawkers Federation India
National Women Peasants Association, Nepal
Nepal Youth Peasants Association
Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum
Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, Regional
Peoples Coalition for the Right to Water Indonesia
Prakriti Resources Centre (PRC), Nepal
Solidarity of Filipino Workers - BMP
South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE), Regional
South Asia Food Sovereignty Network, Regional
South Asia Peasants Coalition, Regional
SUPRO Bangladesh
Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples’ International Centre for Policy Research and Education), Philippines
Third World Network, Malaysia
Trade Union Policy Institute of Nepal
Transparency International, Global