GEF CSO Network

Statement GEF-9 Financial Structure (Trustee)

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We welcome the GEF Trustee's commitment to transparency, equity, and predictability, and the steps taken to explore foreign exchange risk management to strengthen the stability of GEF resources. These measures respond to our calls for a more reliable and fair financial system that ensures predictable support for those delivering results on the ground.

At the same time, we urge participants to go further. GEF-9 should adopt a differentiated contribution model grounded in climate justice, historical responsibility, and current economic capacity, ensuring contributions exceed GEF-8 in real terms and reflect the new global commitments under the BBNJ treaty.

We also recommend a tiered approach to arrears, where only recent arrears are included in programming, older ones reported transparently, and accountability measures introduced to encourage timely repayment.

A fair, credible, and accessible financial structure is essential to ensure that GEF-9 delivers real impact for people and the planet.