AMENDMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPERATIONAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR PARTIES TO ACCESS RESOURCES FROM THE ADAPTATION FUND RELATED TO THE DESIGNATED AUTHORITIES OF THE FUND



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29 October 2024 Document AFB/B.43/7 Decision B.43/29 Having considered the information contained in document AFB/B.43/7 and taking into account the discussion on option 2 of document AFB/B.42/6, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) <u>decided</u>:

- a) To adopt and initiate the change of the definition of "Designated Authority" from an officer to an entity;
- b) To revise, for the purpose of a transitional period of no longer than one year, the definition of "Designated Authority" in the Fund's Operational Policies and Guidelines for Parties to Access Resources from the Adaptation Fund (OPG) from "an officer within the Party's government administration" to "<u>either an officer within the Party's</u> government administration or a government entity of the Party with appointed primary and secondary contact points";



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- c) To phase out the current system of nominated government officer as Designated Authority at the end of the 12-month period and, effective immediately, to no longer accept new nominations of officers as Designated Authorities;
- d) To invite eligible Parties to nominate, as soon as possible and within 12 months from the date of the present decision, a government entity as the Designated Authority for the Adaptation Fund and appoint a primary contact point with the authority to sign on behalf of the Designated Authority and up to two secondary contact points without signing authority who will facilitate communication and coordination with the Fund. The nomination of a government entity as the Designated Authority will replace any previously nominated officer as Designated Authority for that Party;



- e) To request the secretariat to communicate the present decision to all Parties through their current Designated Authority and the UNFCCC focal points, and to support Parties through provision of the relevant nomination letter templates and guidance to facilitate a smooth transition.
- f) To request the secretariat to present an amendment to the OPG for the Board's consideration at its forty-fifth meeting, aimed at finalizing the transition of Designated Authority from an officer to an entity.



DECISION OVER 12 MONTHS



