

**Proposals for possible decision by the Secretariat on agenda item 11,
Third GEF Assembly**

Recommended Council Decision I

The Council expresses its sincere appreciation for the generous offer of the Government of South Africa to host the Third GEF Assembly and agrees that the Assembly and associated meetings will be held in Cape Town, South Africa, from August 27 - September 1, 2006.

The Council notes the offer of South Africa to contribute cash, services and in-kind contributions to the Assembly valued at US\$600,000. To cover additional expenses that may be incurred by South Africa in hosting the Assembly, the Council requests the Secretariat to:

- (a) consider ways to reduce the Assembly costs; and
- (b) solicit contributions from additional donors.

The Council agrees that if, beyond the steps in (a) and (b) above, any shortfall remains, the Secretariat may draw upon the GEF Trust Fund.

The Secretariat is requested to prepare a budget for the Assembly to be included in the FY07 corporate budget as a special initiative.

The Council requests the Secretariat to circulate for Council approval by mail the provisional agenda for the Assembly, taking into account comments made at the Council meeting.

Recommended Council Decision II

The Council agrees that the Assembly and associated meetings will be held in Washington, D.C. from August 27-September 1, 2006. The Secretariat is requested to make the necessary preparations for the organization of the Assembly and to organize the Assembly in as cost-effective manner as possible.

The Secretariat is requested to prepare a budget for the Assembly to be included in the FY07 corporate budget as a special initiative.

The Council requests the Secretariat to circulate for Council approval by mail the provisional agenda for the Assembly, taking into account comments made at the Council meeting.