



Minutes of the first session of the Assembly, first meeting

The first meeting of the first session of the Assembly of the Global Green Growth Institute (hereinafter, “GGGI”) was held on 23 October 2012 from 15:45 to 16:20 at the Shilla Hotel, located at 202 Jangchung-dong 2-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Members Present:

Australia, represented by Mr. Howard Bamsey, Special Advisor on Green Growth

Cambodia, represented by Dr. Mok Mareth, Senior Minister and Minister of Environment

Costa Rica, represented by Dr. Rene Castro-Salazar, Minister for Environment, Energy and Telecommunications

Denmark, represented by Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Minister for Development Cooperation

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Norway, represented by Mr. Hans Brattskar, Director-General/Ambassador, Climate and Pollution, Ministry of Environment

Papua New Guinea, represented by Mr. Patrick Pruaitch, Minister for Forest and Climate Change

Paraguay, represented by Ms. Mariana Lopez, Director for Environment, Secretariat for the Environment

Philippines, represented by Dr. Emmanuel Esguerra, Deputy Director-General, National Development Office, National Economic Development Authority

Qatar, represented by Mr. Fahad bin Mohamed Al-Attiyah, Chairman, Qatar National Food Security Programme

Republic of Korea, represented by Mr. Boonam Shin, Ambassador for Green Growth

United Arab Emirates, represented by Mr. Thani Al-Zeyoudi, Director, Department of Energy and Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom, represented by Ms. Frances Wood, Economic Counsellor, Embassy in Korea

Vietnam, represented by Mr. Tuan Ahn Nguyen, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Planning and Investment

Mr. Richard Samans, GGGI Director-General

Guests:

GGGI Secretariat

Agenda:

The following agenda items were proposed for the meeting in A/1/AG/1:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Explanatory remarks
3. Adoption of the agenda for the first session of the Assembly
4. Rules of Procedure of the Assembly
5. Composition of the Assembly Bureau
6. Composition of the Council
7. Any other business
8. Closing of the meeting

Vice-Minister Ahn Ho-young of the Republic of Korea opened the meeting and served as President *pro tempore* until the President of the Assembly was elected.

President *pro tempore* Ahn congratulated the members of the Assembly for participating in the first meeting of the Assembly after the GGGI's conversion to an international organization. President *pro tempore* Ahn asked the members of the Assembly to refer to the reference material binders for all decision documents and explained the document numbering system while referencing the agenda for the first meeting of the Assembly. He explained that 'A' stands for Assembly, '1' stands for the first session of the Assembly, 'AG' stands for agenda, and '1' stands for the first agenda document.

President *pro tempore* Ahn explained the agenda and his role as President *pro tempore*, explaining that his role will end after a President of the Assembly is elected. The newly elected President will then carry out the meeting to its conclusion.

President *pro tempore* Ahn asked if the agenda, A/1/AG/1 and A/1/AG/2, were agreeable to the Assembly members. The Assembly adopted the agenda by consensus.

President *pro tempore* Ahn asked members of the Assembly to turn to the decision on the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, A/1/DC/1, and asked GGGI Executive Director Samans to provide a brief explanation of the Rules of Procedure.

Mr. Samans thanked President *pro tempore* Ahn and explained that the proposed Rules of Procedure of the Assembly have been subject to extensive consultation and cover processes and procedures regarding the setting of the agenda for Assembly meetings, representation of delegations, composition of the Assembly Bureau, Council, Advisory Committee and Director-General and the Secretariat of the GGGI, conduct of business at sessions of the Assembly, disclosure, voting, separation of proposals, languages, records, and amendments.

President *pro tempore* Ahn asked the Assembly if it was prepared to adopt the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. The Assembly adopted the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly by consensus.

President *pro tempore* Ahn moved to the election of the Assembly Bureau, A/1/DC/2, and asked for proposals from the floor. He explained that the Bureau consists of one president and two vice-presidents.

Korea thanked President *pro tempore* Ahn and proposed that the Assembly elect the following members to the Assembly Bureau, consisting of two year terms for Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo from Guyana as President; the United Kingdom as vice-president; the Philippines as vice-president; and Cambodia as rapporteur. Korea explained that Mr. Jagdeo is the former President of Guyana and

has been dedicated to low-carbon development policies and strategies for Guyana for five years, and currently serves as a director on the Board for the GGGI.

President *pro tempore* Ahn asked Korea for clarification regarding the composition of the Assembly Bureau, as he was not aware of the position of rapporteur.

Korea clarified that according to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly just adopted, the Bureau includes a rapporteur.

President *pro tempore* Ahn thanked Korea for its explanation and repeated the candidates proposed by Korea and asked for any views on the proposal.

Denmark thanked the President *pro tempore* and seconded the nominations from Korea. Denmark remarked that the proposed candidates would serve the organization well.

President *pro tempore* Ahn thanked Denmark and asked for any other comments or proposals. No further comments were made. The Assembly elected the proposed slate of candidates by consensus.

President *pro tempore* Ahn asked newly-elected President Jagdeo to take over as President of the Assembly.

President Jagdeo thanked Vice-Minister Ahn for leading the meeting thus far as well as all of the delegations that have worked so hard towards GGGI becoming an international organization. He particularly thanked the Republic of Korea for its vision, leadership, commitment and hard work and believes that Korea will serve as an inspiration in green growth in the future. It is clear that the current model of development is unsustainable and the GGGI can play a very important role in the transition from acceptance of the need for a green growth model to concrete expression and implementation of that model in the developing world. Traditional organizations have often been characterized as slow in their movement, and if the GGGI is also slow in implementing and making decisions it will be judged harshly. Flexibility and responsiveness are two vital characteristics for the GGGI to achieve success. The GGGI can help countries in developing green growth models that do not sacrifice prosperity at the expense of sustainable policies.

President Jagdeo moved to the next order of business, the composition of the Council, A/1/DC/3. The President explained that the Council consists of a total of five contributing members and five participating members, of which three from each serve for terms of 2 years and the remaining two serve for terms of one year. He proposed that Australia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Ethiopia, Costa Rica and Indonesia serve for terms of two years each and that Denmark, Norway, Kiribati and Mexico serve for terms of one year each. President Jagdeo moved that the election, in this instance, be held by consensus rather than secret ballot and asked if there was any objection from the Assembly. After hearing no objection, President Jagdeo asked if there was any objection from the Assembly in regards to the proposed slate of candidates for the Council. The Assembly approved the composition of the Council by consensus.

President Jagdeo asked if there was any further business of the Assembly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

End of meeting

Minutes of the first session of the Assembly, second meeting

The second meeting of the first session of the Assembly of the Global Green Growth Institute (hereinafter, “GGGI”) was held on 23 October 2012 from 17:30 to 18:00 at the Shilla Hotel, located at 202 Jangchung-dong 2-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Members Present:

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Mr. Richard Samans, GGGI Director-General

Guests:

GGGI Secretariat

Agenda:

The following agenda items were proposed for the meeting in A/1/AG/2:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of the Director-General
3. Interim disclosure policy
4. Any other business
5. Closing of the meeting

President Jagdeo called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the second meeting of the Assembly. The first decision was on the appointment of the Director-General, A/1/DC/4. Based on extensive consultations and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and noting the nomination by the Council of Richard Samans to a term of four years, including the time already served as GGGI Executive Director prior to its conversion to an international organization, President Jagdeo proposed appointing Mr. Samans as Director-General. The President asked for any objections and as there were none, Mr. Samans was appointed Director-General by the Assembly by consensus.

President Jagdeo moved to the decision on the interim disclosure policy, A/1/DC/5, and asked for any questions. Recognizing the need for transparency in the GGGI, the President moved that the Assembly adopt the proposed interim disclosure policy and mandate the Secretariat to prepare a comprehensive disclosure policy by the second session of the Council and asked if there were any objections from the Assembly.

Denmark began by thanking the President. Denmark supported the content but suggested adding a clarification that the authority to decide whether certain materials are not appropriate to be disclosed publically rests with the Director-General. Denmark suggested the interim disclosure policy read: "The GGGI will publically disclose information concerning its decisions and operational activities, in the absence of compelling reasons to consider such information confidential, as to be decided by the Director-General."

President Jagdeo asked Director-General Samans if he had any comment.

Director-General Samans stated that this was a matter raised in previous consultations and as general agreement was found during those consultations, the Secretariat had no objections to the proposal.

President Jagdeo stated that the position raised by Denmark stands and asked if there was any other issue that the Assembly wished to raise. As nothing further was raised, the Assembly adopted the proposed interim disclosure policy and mandated the Secretariat to prepare a comprehensive disclosure policy by the next session of the Council, by consensus.

The President asked if there was any further business of the Assembly and hearing none, declared the meeting adjourned.

End of meeting