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POLICY GROUP

Election of Policy Group Chair

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Note by the Secretariat

Background

As stated in Section 3.3 (a) of the CSLF Terms of Reference and Procedures, the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the CSLF Policy Group will be elected every three years. The previous election of the Policy Group Chair was at the Delhi meeting in April 2006, so the next election of the Chair has been scheduled for the June 2009 Policy Group meeting in San Francisco. (The Policy Group Vice Chairs were elected at the Paris meeting in 2007, and their terms do not end until 2010.)

Action Requested

The Policy Group is requested to hold an election to select a Chair, whose term will run through June 2013.

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At its meeting in Paris in 2007, the Policy Group reached consensus on the following procedures for election of CSLF Chairs and Vice Chairs:

1. *At least 3 months before a CSLF decision is required on the election of a Chair or Vice Chair a note should be sent from the Secretariat to CSLF Members asking for nominations. The note should contain the following:*

Nominations should be made by the heads of delegations. Nominations should be sent to the Secretariat. The closing date for nominations should be six weeks prior to the CSLF decision date.
2. *Within one week after the closing date for nominations, the Secretariat should post on the CSLF website and email to Policy and Technical Group delegates as appropriate the names of Members nominated and identify the Members that nominated them.*
3. *As specified by Article 3.2 of the CSLF Charter, the election of Chair and Vice-Chairs will be made by consensus of the Members.*
4. *When possible, regional balance and emerging economy representation among the Chairs and Vice Chairs should be taken into consideration by Members.*

On 20 March 2009, the Secretariat sent an e-mail to Heads of Delegations for all CSLF Members, informing them of the upcoming election of Policy Group Chair and that nominations for Chair must be received by the Secretariat no later than six weeks prior to the meeting (i.e., by 18 May 2009).

The following nominations for Policy Group Chair were received by the Secretariat:

- On 20 April 2009, France nominated the United States
- On 27 April 2009, Canada nominated the United States
- On 06 May 2009, Saudi Arabia nominated the United States
- On 07 May 2009, Italy nominated the United States

This information was provided to all CSLF delegates and posted to the CSLF website on 22 May 2009.