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POLICY GROUP

Election of Policy Group Vice Chairs

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Note by the Secretariat

Background

According to Article 3.3 of the CSLF Terms of Reference and Procedures, the terms of CSLF Chairs and Vice Chairs are three years and the Policy and Technical Groups may have up to two Vice Chairs. The current Policy Group Vice Chairs were elected at the CSLF meeting in Paris in 2007. It is thus now time for the election of Vice Chairs for the next three-year term.

Article 3.3 of the CSLF Terms of Reference and Procedures also lays out the procedure for election of CSLF Chairs and Vice Chairs as follows:

1. At least three 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 who 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.

A note was sent to CSLF Members on 06 July 2010 notifying them of the upcoming elections and requesting nominations. The following nominations were received prior to six weeks before the decision date:

- Brazil, France, Italy, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and United States nominated **Japan**.
- Brazil, France, Italy, Japan, Saudi Arabia and United States nominated **Mexico**.
- United Kingdom nominated **China**.

Subsequent to the nomination deadline, Australia supported the United Kingdom's nomination of China. Australia also indicated that Norway supported the United Kingdom's nomination of China.

Action Requested

The CSLF had 13 members at its inception. Membership has now nearly doubled to 25. Recognizing this increase in membership, the Secretariat believes that the leadership of the CSLF could increase the number of Vice Chairs to three. This increase will broaden the opportunities for leadership by Members and improve the ability of the CSLF to achieve the regional balance and emergency economy representation as required by Article 3.3(a)(4).

Policy Group delegates are requested to:

1. Modify Article 3(a) of the CSLF Terms of Reference and Procedures to state that “The Policy Group and the Technical Group will each have a Chair and up to three Vice Chairs.”
2. Elect Policy Group Vice Chairs.