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## **POLICY GROUP**

### **Secretariat Report on Proposed Procedures for Election of CSLF Chairs and Vice Chairs**

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### Background

At the April 2006 CSLF Policy Group meeting in Delhi, India, consensus was reached that election procedures for CSLF Chairs and Vice Chairs should be made more transparent. The Policy Group Chair asked the CSLF Secretariat and the European Commission to develop a new procedure. An initial draft of the new procedure was circulated to Policy Group delegates in December 2006. Comments were received from the Australia, Canada, European Commission, Germany, India, Norway, and the United States.

This report presents a revised draft of the new election procedures to the Policy Group for its consideration. This revised draft incorporates suggestions made by Members where it appeared that there would be consensus among the Members. On one issue, whether the individuals who would serve as Chairs or Vice Chairs should be identified prior to the election, there appeared to be no consensus. The positions stated by Members on this issue are provided in a footnote.

### Action Requested

The Policy Group is requested to consider the proposed new election procedures.

### Conclusions

The Policy Group is invited to note in the Minutes of its next meeting that:

“The Policy Group considered and came to a consensus on the proposed election procedures.”



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## Draft Procedures for the 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 ~~Mmembers~~ ~~governments~~ asking for nominations. The note should contain the following:
  - Nominations should be made by the heads of Policy ~~or Technical~~ Group delegations, ~~as appropriate~~. **Nominations should be sent to the Secretariat.** The closing date for nominations should be six weeks prior to the CSLF decision date.
  - The positions of Chair and Vice Chairs are held by ~~Mmembers~~ ~~governments~~ that **should** designate individuals to serve in these positions **at the time the Member is nominated.**<sup>1</sup> If an individual resigns during the term of office, the government must notify the Secretariat of that resignation and of the desired successor. The Secretariat will circulate the name of the designated successor to notify ~~Mmembers~~. **Absent objections received within two weeks of the notice by the Secretariat, the designated individual will become the successor.**
  - ~~Nominations of member governments should be sent to the Secretariat by the head of the delegation to the Policy or Technical Group as appropriate.~~
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 **nominees** ~~member governments 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.**
5. ~~The same procedure should be followed by the Policy Group and the Technical Group.~~

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<sup>1</sup> **Australia** suggests that CSLF Chairs and Vice Chairs be elected “on the basis of their influence in government, credibility with CSLF members, access to stakeholders, commitment to CSS, resources that they may have available, leverage with other governments and personal interest.” **Norway** suggests that relevant background information about the designated individuals be circulated to Members upon nomination. The **United States** suggests that, since it is the Members that are elected, the individuals who will serve as Chairs and Vice Chairs need not be identified prior to election.