



GEF-6 GEF Secretariat Review For Enabling Activity Proposal

GEF ID:	9311		
Country/Region:	Azerbaijan		
Project Title:	Strengthen National Decision making towards Ratification of the Minamata Convention and Build Capacity towards Implementation of Future Provisions		
GEF Agency:	UNDP	GEF Agency Project ID:	5744 (UNDP)
Type of Trust Fund:	GEF Trust Fund	GEF Focal Area (s):	Chemicals and Waste
GEF-6 Focal Area/ LDCF/SCCF Objective (s):			
Anticipated Financing PPG:		Project Grant:	\$200,000
Co-financing:		Total Project Cost:	\$200,000
PIF Approval:		Council Approval/Expected:	
CEO Endorsement/Approval		Expected Project Start Date:	
Program Manager:	Lulwa Ali	Agency Contact Person:	Mr. Jacques Van Engel

Review Criteria	Questions	Secretariat Comment	Agency Response
Eligibility	1. Is the participating country eligible?	Azerbaijan has not signed the Minamata Convention. However, the country is taking meaningful steps towards becoming a party to the convention (expression of commitment letters to UNEP and to GEF dated 31/7/2015 have been provided).	
	2. Has the operational focal point endorsed the project?	Yes, an endorsement letter signed by the GEF OFP and dated 31/7/2015 has been provided.	
Project Consistency	3. Is the project aligned with the relevant GEF strategic objectives and results framework?	Yes, the project is aligned with CW1 program 2 for the development of EA for Minamata Initial Assessment.	
	4. Is the project consistent with the	Yes. The project will facilitates the	

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	recipient country's national strategies and plans or reports and assessments under relevant conventions?	ratification and early Implementation of the Minamata Convention in the country.	
Project Design	5. Are the components in Table A sound and sufficiently clear and appropriate to achieve project objectives and the GEBs?	Yes. The proposed EA and the project framework, including envisaged activities, are entirely in line with the GEF Initial Guidelines for Enabling Activities for the Minamata Convention on Mercury.	
	6. Are socio-economic aspects, including relevant gender elements, indigenous people, and CSOs considered?	Yes.	
	7. Is the project implementation/ execution arrangement adequate?	Yes. The project will be implemented through National Implementation Modality (NIM) with the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources as the execution agency- the national partner.	
	8. Is indicated cofinancing appropriate for an enabling activity?	Not applicable. This is an EA and cofinancing is not a requirement.	
Other Comments	9. Comments related to adequacy of information submitted by country for the financial management and procurement assessment ¹ .		
Resource Availability	10. Is the proposed Grant (including the Agency fee) within the resources available from (mark all that apply):		
	• The STAR allocation?	NA	
	• The focal area allocation?	Yes	
	• The LDCF under the principle of equitable access?	NA	

¹ Question 9 is applicable only to direct access proposal while question 10 (on fees) is not applicable to direct access proposal.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)? • The focal area set-aside? 	NA	
Secretariat Recommendation			
Recommendation	11. Is EA clearance/approval being recommended?	Yes. The Program Manager recommend CEO approval of the EA. LA: 15 October, 2015	
Review Date (s)	First review*	October 15, 2015	
	Additional review (as necessary)		
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* **This is the first time the Program Manager provides full comments for the project. Subsequent follow-up reviews should be recorded. For specific comments for each section, please insert a date after comments.**