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GCF Observer Network of Civil Society, Indigenous Peoples, and Local Communities

Overarching Intervention on the Reports of the Independent Units

Access the documents: <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b44-inf01>

<https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b44-inf02>

<https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b44-inf03>

We continue to recognize, value, and support the activities of the Independent Units and the particular and complementary forms of accountability they embed into the GCF's operations and its delivery of climate finance to project beneficiaries. We also appreciate their willingness in turn to value and engage the perspectives, analyses, and expertise of civil society, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities whether through our observer network, or for example, in providing small grants directly to CSOs to raise awareness of the potential to access redress through the IRM. We remind the Board and the Secretariat that the independent units are vital mechanisms for accountability, and core institutional cornerstones for upholding the reputation and strengthening the Fund by design, and their independence and work should continue to be upheld to inform the Fund's continued maturation and impact.

In that vein, as the IRM brings forth a compliance report, which has been first reviewed in a session closed to this webcast and the public, it is important for us to reiterate not only the general value of the IRM's work as one of the independent units but the specific value that compliance investigations and reports contribute to the GCF. Redress is an important and undeniable function of a healthy Fund, and the IRM has a critical role in methodologically and with procedural rigour approaching the complex issues raised to them with their expertise to then set before the Board the information they need for decision-making. Spending time engaging with the results of these individual complaints makes the GCF as a whole better by contributing to the core mandate of the GCF as a learning institution. Downplaying or ignoring any compliance report and any of its findings - noting this is not yet a public document so our comments are anticipatory rather than specific - would weaken the GCF, its reputation, and the trust project beneficiaries should have in its operations and processes.

We remind the Board that they adopted the Procedures and Guidelines of the Independent Redress Mechanism in 2019 at B.22, and so should accordingly make such a decision as it sees appropriate after considering the final compliance report, based on the findings and any recommendations contained in the report. We look forward to the Board fulfilling its role in these procedures and to the publication of the compliance report 10 days after the Board's decision.