

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN STATEMENT UNDER AGENDA ITEM 4 a i 4 ii (SBI)

GEF

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: AUSTRALIA WELCOMES THE GEF'S REPORT

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: WE BELIEVE THAT IT DEMONSTRATES FULFILMENT BY THE
GEF OF ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION

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: NEVER-THE-LESS, WE SUPPORT EFFORTS TO CONTINUE THE
STREAMLINING OF GEF PROCEDURES AND ENHANCEMENT OF
ITS RESPONSIVENESS TO COP GUIDANCE

: : AUSTRALIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE GEF COUNCIL,
WILL BE RE-ASSESSING THE PROGRESS OF GEF IN
STREAMLINING ITS PROCEDURES AT THE NEXT GEF COUNCIL
MEETING IN OCTOBER

: ON THE ANNEX TO THE MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING, THE
AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION FULLY SUPPORTS THE TEXT AS IT
STANDS AND WE SEE NO NECESSITY TO RE-NEGOTIATE IT. WE
THEREFORE URGE ITS RECOMMENDATION TO, AND ADOPTION
BY, THE COP.