

**DECISION**

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**ED.08.18/DEC.02**: The Board:

- a. welcomes the request by the Philippines to become a partner country;
- b. requests the Secretariat to develop a Country Investment Strategy;
- c. requests the Secretariat to work with the Philippines to implement the Core Funding Mechanism; and
- d. requests the Chair of the Board to manage the process of the Philippines joining the Board.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Bellamy  
Chair