

As the first order of business at the meeting of the Governing Board on 17 November 2014, the sole founding Board member, Ambassador Stephan Husy took the following decision:

BM.01/DEC.01: Ms Carol Bellamy is appointed as Chair of the 1st Board meeting.

Following appointment of the Chair for the meeting, the following persons were confirmed as additional voting Board members:

1. Ambassador Mutlaq Al-Qahtani
2. Ms Susan Breeze
3. Mr Richard Barrett
4. Mr Hassane Boukili
5. His Excellency Muhammad Shahidul Haque
6. Ambassador Tina Kaidanow
7. Ms Charlotte Keenan
8. Mr Maqsoud Kruse
9. Mr Ian McConville
10. Ambassador Ummuna Humphrey Orjiako
11. Ambassador Aya Thiam-Diallo
12. Mr Fulco van Deventer
13. Mr Adriaan Van der Meer

At its meeting on 17-18 November 2014, following the confirmation of the new voting members, the Governing Board (the “Board”) took the following decisions:

BM.01/DEC.02: Mr Mark Singleton is appointed the rapporteur of the 1st Board meeting.

BM.01/DEC.03: The agenda for the 1st Board meeting (BM.01/DOC.01) is approved.

BM.01/DEC.04: The Board approves the Bylaws attached as Annex 1 (Version 2) to BM.01/DOC.04 (Part 1), and requests the Secretariat to:

- a. file the Bylaws with the Swiss Supervisory Authority for foundations; and
- b. once approval is received, post them on the GCERF website.

BM.01/DEC.05: The Board:

- a. notes the important role of GCERF as the first global effort to support community-focused initiatives aimed at strengthening resilience to violent extremist agendas and to sustainably address the drivers of radicalisation to such agendas and other sources of insecurity;
- b. recognizes the unique contextual challenges that differentiate GCERF from other multi-stakeholder funding mechanisms, and therefore justify the piloting and subsequent evaluation of the Core Funding Mechanism (“CFM”);
- c. endorses the Core Funding Mechanism, including its structures and processes, as proposed in Section 4, Part 2 of the Proposal for the Funding Model (BM.01/DOC.05)(Version 2);
- d. invites a small number of countries that may include Bangladesh, Mali, Morocco and Nigeria as potential pilot beneficiary countries in 2015 and encourages such countries to commence the establishment of their Country Support Mechanism as soon as possible;
- e. requests the Executive Director (to be appointed) to:
 - i. oversee the implementation of the structures and processes of the Core Funding Mechanism and where appropriate explore adaptations and alternatives;

- ii. oversee the Secretariat's work with potential pilot beneficiary countries in establishing their Country Support Mechanisms, with appropriate support from the Board; and
 - iii. elaborate and present for approval in the second quarter of 2015 detailed beneficiary country eligibility criteria for Board approval; and
- f. requests the Chair (to be appointed) to oversee the establishment of the international Independent Review Panel under the terms of reference contained in Annex 2 to BM.01/DOC.05 (Version 2).

BM.01/DEC.06: The Board:

- a. welcomes the Secretariat's proposal of an Accelerated Funding Mechanism ("AFM") to provide an efficient and effective way for the global community to provide fast and flexible support to projects responding to the recent escalation in violent extremism worldwide and its current manifestations;
- b. recognizes that, while maintaining appropriately robust standards of transparency and accountability, the AFM described in Section 4, Part 3 of the Proposal for the Funding Model (BM.01/DOC.05) (version 2) will support projects that may necessarily adapt and evolve in the current, rapidly changing environment;
- c. notes that the viability of the AFM will depend on recognition of the need for flexibility and pragmatism in funding and associated reporting requirements by potential donors;
- d. in light of the above, requests that potential donors agree to adjust their requirements on monitoring and evaluation in their contribution agreements relating to the AFM;
- e. approves in principle the AFM, including its thematic and geographical priorities, structures and processes, for an initial period of two years once launched;
- f. requests the Chair (to be appointed) to consult Board Members regarding their interest in participating in the Accelerated Funding Panel ("AFP") and present a recommendation on the membership of the AFP to the Board for approval; and
- g. authorizes the Executive Director (to be appointed) to:
 - i. launch the AFM and oversee its operationalization by the Secretariat as soon as practicable, subject to the further Board decision on the proposed funding and operating expenses budget for the AFM proposed in BM.01/DOC.07; and

- ii. provide the Board with a recommendation concerning the potential continuation of the AFM after the initial period of two years, based on an evaluation of its value and assessment of its functioning.

BM.01/DEC.07: The Board:

- a. welcomes the Resource Mobilisation Plan 2015, as set out in Annex 1 and described in Part 1 of BM.01/DOC.06 (Part 1), and requests the Secretariat to implement it;
- b. requests the Executive Director (to be appointed) to oversee the development by the Secretariat of its Resource Mobilisation Strategy 2016-2018, for presentation at a face-to-face meeting of the Board to be scheduled in the last quarter of 2015;
- c. notes the implication on resource mobilisation efforts of inclusion of GCERF in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Development Assistance Committee (the "DAC") List of Official Development Assistance ("ODA") - Eligible International Organisations, as detailed in Part 2 of BM.01/DOC.06 (Part 1); and
- d. authorises the Executive Director (to be appointed) to:
 - i. oversee the Secretariat's application for inclusion in the DAC List of ODA-Eligible International Organisations at the earliest opportunity of a successful application; and
 - ii. seek the agreement of a donor Board member that is a DAC member to present GCERF's application on its behalf.

BM.01/DEC.08: The Board approves:

- a. the Policy on Contributions attached as Annex 1 to BM.01/DOC.06 (Part 2); and
- b. the terms of reference of the Contributions Committee attached as Annex 2 to BM.01/DOC.06 (Part 2).

The Board requests the Chair (to be appointed) to consult with Board members interested in membership in the Contributions Committee and to present the membership to the Board for approval as soon as possible using the procedure set out in Article 2.9a of the Bylaws.

BM.01/DEC.09: The Board:

- a. recognizes the need to facilitate the earliest possible autonomous functioning of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (“GCERF”) and operationalization of its funding mechanism;
- b. notes with gratitude the contributions of the Swiss Government, the United States Government and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (“GCSP”) in establishing interim arrangements to assist in the establishment of the GCERF and its Secretariat;
- c. acknowledges the willingness of GCSP to continue to provide human resources and other administrative services to GCERF until such time as the Headquarters Agreement between the GCERF and the Swiss Federal Council is in force; and
- d. authorizes the Executive Director (to be appointed) to:
 - i. execute the Headquarters Agreement with the Swiss Federal Council granting GCERF privileges and immunities in Switzerland;
 - ii. oversee the establishment of the Secretariat, including the transfer from GCSP to GCERF of the GCERF project team employment contracts, the office rental contract and other service agreements; and
 - iii. present to the Board for its approval as soon as possible human resources, financial and administrative policies for the GCERF.

BM.01/DEC.10: The Board approves an operating expenses budget for GCERF of up to USD 2,335,790 for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2015, as presented in Part 2 of BM.01/DOC.07.

BM.01/DEC.11: The Board:

- a. notes that dedicated resources will be required to implement the proposed Accelerated Funding Mechanism (“AFM”), including for operating expenses related directly to the AFM, as set out in Part 2 of BM.01/DOC.07;
- b. directs the Executive Director (to be appointed) to launch the AFM and to seek to secure no less than USD 3.5 million for the AFM and to inform the Board as soon as such funds are secured; and
- c. approves, effective subject to paragraph b. above, an operating expenses budget for the AFM of up to USD 708,982 for the period of 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015, as presented in Part 3 of BM.01/DOC.07.

BM.01/DEC.12: The Board:

- a. confirms the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers (“PWC”) as Auditor until 31 March 2016; and
- b. authorizes the Executive Director (to be appointed) to sign the engagement letter with PWC attached as Annex 3 to BM.01/DOC.02.

BM.01/DEC.13: The Board appoints Dr Khalid Koser as Executive Director for a term of three (3) years commencing immediately and terminating 17 November 2017.

BM.01/DEC.14: The Board appoints Carol Bellamy as its Chair for a term of three (3) years, commencing immediately and terminating 17 November 2017.

BM.01/DEC.15: The Board:

- a. approves the signatory authority for GCERF on an individual basis of Dr Khalid Koser as Executive Director and Ms Carol Bellamy as Chair; and
- b. requests the removal from signatory authority of the founding Board member Ambassador Stephan Husy.

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Mark Singleton
Rapporteur

(signed) _____
Carol Bellamy
Chair