

Way Forward on Executive Committee Terms

As Adopted by GEO-III

28 November 2006

STEP 1 Plenary extends the term of the current Executive Committee through the GEO 2007 Ministerial Meeting.

STEP 2 Plenary amends the Rules of Procedure, Section 3, Executive Committee as follows:

3.4 *Selection. Executive Committee Members, including those Members serving as Co-Chairs, will be nominated through regional caucuses. Based on the conclusions of the regional caucuses and further consultations as necessary, the Director of the Secretariat will present a slate of nominees, including those nominated to serve as Co-Chairs, to the Plenary for its approval. Upon approval, Executive Committee members will serve a term of up to two years. The process will be guided by the following principles: (1) preserving sufficient continuity in the Executive Committee's membership; (2) ensuring sufficient opportunity for participation of GEO Members in the Executive Committee by rotation; (3) preserving the balance of developed and developing countries at the level of the co-chairs. If a Member chooses not to complete its term of service, then the regional caucus may select another Member to represent it in the Executive Committee to complete the remaining term of service.*

STEP 3 Plenary amends the Rules of Procedure Section 2, Plenary, to clarify the role of the GEO Co-Chairs:

2.3 *GEO Co-Chairs. Four GEO Members will co-chair meetings of the Plenary and the Executive Committee. The composition of and method of selection for the Co-Chairs is provided in Rule 3.3 and 3.4. Between Executive Committee meetings, the Co-Chairs will act on behalf of the Executive Committee to provide guidance to the Secretariat and will report to the Executive Committee on actions taken.*