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Independent Redress Mechanism (IRM)

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GCF Project FP043 The Saïss Water Conservation Project

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1. In March 2020, the IRM acknowledged a complaint filed by a complainant(s) who expressed concerns surrounding the lack of consultation with and information provided to the members of the community regarding GCF funded project FP043, the Saïss Water Conservation Project in Morocco.
2. On 7 April 2020, the IRM declared this complaint eligible, published the eligibility determination on the IRM's website and notified the GCF Secretariat.
3. Thereafter, the IRM began consultation processes with the complainant(s) and other potential parties comprising of the GCF Secretariat, Accredited Entity (the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)), National Designated Authority (Ministry of Energy, Mining and Environment), and Executing Entity (the Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture and Maritime Fisheries (MAMF)) to explain the IRM procedures, to better understand the issues and the context, and to determine the parties' decision on whether to proceed to problem solving or compliance review.
4. As a result of these consultations, on 6 June 2020, parties agreed to problem solving. Since that date, despite challenges posed by COVID-19 by way of travel restrictions and restrictions on in-person meetings and site visits, multiple virtual meetings have been held with the different parties with the support of the IRM problem solving team. The last of these meetings took place in person on 25 May 2021 in Morocco with virtual participation by the IRM problem solving team from Songdo, South Korea, resulting in a general common understanding of the issues of concern and an outline of a potential way forward.
5. According to the IRM's Procedures and Guidelines¹ (PGs), problem solving should ordinarily be completed within one (1) year of the parties' agreement to pursue it. As mentioned above, such an agreement was made by the parties on 6 June 2020, therefore the one year period will be completed on 5 June 2021.
6. In recent exchanges, parties discussed the appropriateness of extending the problem solving period, and agreed that such an extension would increase their ability to reach an agreement with regard to the issues raised and/or to bring the problem solving proceedings to a mutually satisfactory conclusion. It is the IRM's considered judgement that reasonable extra time would allow the parties to bring the problem solving proceedings to a mutually satisfactory conclusion, especially in the light of the constraints and restrictions that prevent and/or regulate in-person meetings of the parties and necessitate the conduct of problem solving via virtual means.
7. Therefore, in order to ensure sufficient time for the parties to bring the problem solving proceedings to a mutually satisfactory conclusion, the IRM, acting in terms of paragraph 40 read with paragraph 95 of the PGs, has decided to extend the time period for problem solving from 5

¹ Para. 40 of the IRM's Procedures and Guidelines, available at:
<https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/procedures-and-guidelines-independent-redress-mechanism>.

June 2020 to 5 September 2021, without prejudice to the parties concluding the proceedings sooner.

[Signed]

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