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REPORT OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Outline: This report of the Ethics Committee notifies the Board of its work to date on development of the Whistleblowing Policy. This report is for information; the Committee recommendation for decision on the Whistleblowing Policy will be delivered at the Thirteenth Board meeting.

Part 1: Summary of Ethics Committee Activity on the Whistleblowing Policy

1. The Ethics Committee met on November 8 to consider development of a whistleblowing policy, and discussed the issue briefly in a second meeting on November 27.
2. The Committee reviewed a background paper on whistleblowing policies by Ethics Advisor Prof. Willem Landman (attached as Annex 1). The Committee endorsed the general principles set out in the paper and its use as a guide in its further development of the policy.
3. It noted that the Board mandate requires the Committee to develop the policy in coordination with the Office of Inspector General (OIG). Given that the OIG has not yet been established, however, the Committee decided that it must defer its submission of the policy to Board until the Thirteenth Board meeting.
4. The Committee noted that the whistleblowing policy should be considered in a broader context as part of an overall Global Fund ethics framework, and requested a second paper from the Ethics Advisor setting out this concept. The Committee is circulating this paper to the Board for its information (attached as Annex 2).
5. The Committee will continue its activities on the policy and the broader framework, coordinate with the Office of Inspector General, and report back to the Board at the Thirteenth Board meeting.

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