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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DECISION VIA AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

INITIAL ALLOCATION AND STRATEGIC PARAMETERS FOR SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION GRANT AND GIRLS' EDUCATION ACCELERATOR GRANT TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Reference	Decision
BOD/AV/2022/09-01	**Initial Allocation and Strategic Parameters for a System Transformation and Girls' Education Accelerator Grant to the Democratic Republic of Congo:** The Board of Directors: 1. Notes the assessment of the provisional Independent Technical Advisory Panel on enabling factors for System Transformation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, including those considered high priority, as set out in Annex 3. 2. Notes the Secretariat's assessment set out in Annex 2 of the strategic parameters of the Partnership Compact for the Democratic Republic of Congo. 3. Notes that the Partnership Compact set out in Annex 4 addresses the high-priority area, and invites the Democratic Republic of Congo to submit a revised proposal for top-up triggers (actions and targets as well as the associated amounts) addressing selected enabling factors and meeting the conditions for accessing the additional allocation no later than at the time of submission of the application for the system transformation grant. 4. Invites the Democratic Republic of Congo to submit an application of up to a total of US$ 137,500,000, including a system transformation grant (US$ 112,500,000) and a Girl's Education Accelerator grant (US$ 25,000,000), in reference to FRC/2021/09-01, and in accordance with the strategic parameters for GPE support as set out in Table 1. **Table 1-Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations**

Table 1 (all amounts in US$)		
a.	System Transformation Grant (STG) Indicative Allocation	162.5million
b.	Girls' Education Accelerator Grant Indicative Allocation	25 million

			Total Indicative Allocation Recommended by the Secretariat	**137.5million**
		c.	Initial Indicative Allocation (69% of Total STG)	112.5 million
		d.	Girls' Education Accelerator Grant Indicative Allocation	25 million
		e.	**High Priority Enabling Factors and Conditions for Accessing Additional Allocation** ▪ Data and evidence ▪ Gender-responsive sector planning, policy and monitoring ▪ Sector coordination ▪ Volume, equity and efficiency of domestic public expenditure on education	
		f.	**Focus Area and Strategic Parameters for GPE Funding:** ▪ Quality teaching, evaluation and professional development of teaching workforce, gender equality in the workforce ▪ Quality learning, inclusion, and improved schooling conditions	