



POLICY GROUP

Election of Policy Group Vice Chairs

Background

As stated in Section 3.3 (a) of the CSLF Terms of Reference and Procedures, CSLF Chairs and Vice Chairs will be elected every three years. The previous election of the Policy Group Vice Chairs was at the Washington meeting in October 2013, so the next election is scheduled for the Policy Group Meeting on October 7, 2016 in Tokyo, Japan.

Action Requested

The Policy Group is requested to hold an election to select three Vice Chairs whose term will run through November 2018. *(Note: This one-time two year cycle will align the terms of the Vice Chairs with that of the Policy Group Chair.)*

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At its meeting in Paris in 2007, the Policy Group reached consensus on the following procedures for election of all CSLF Chairs and Vice Chairs:

1. *At least 3 months before a CSLF decision is required on the election of a Chair or Vice Chair a note should be sent from the Secretariat to CSLF Members asking for nominations. The note should contain the following:*

Nominations should be made by the heads of delegations. Nominations should be sent to the Secretariat. The closing date for nominations should be six weeks prior to the CSLF decision date.
2. *Within one week after the closing date for nominations, the Secretariat should post on the CSLF website and email to Policy and Technical Group delegates as appropriate the names of Members nominated and identify the Members that nominated them.*
3. *As specified by Article 3.2 of the CSLF Charter, the election of Chair and Vice Chairs will be made by consensus of the Members.*
4. *When possible, regional balance and emerging economy representation among the Chairs and Vice Chairs should be taken into consideration by Members.*

At the Policy Group meeting in London on June 30, consensus was reached that the current election of Vice Chairs would be for a two year period (for this election cycle only), in order to align with the Policy Group Chair's election cycle.

On 1 August 2016, the Secretariat sent an e-mail to CSLF Policy Group delegates, informing them of the upcoming election of the Policy Vice Chairs, and that nominations must be received by the Secretariat no later than six weeks prior to the meeting (i.e., by 26 August 2016.)

The following nominations were received by the Secretariat:

- The European Commission has nominated China, Saudi Arabia, and the United Kingdom to continue in their roles as Policy Group Vice Chairs.
- This nomination has been supported by Australia and Norway.