Approval of investment criteria for public sector operations

The Committee reviewed the criteria proposed in document CTF/TFC.1/3 and approved the paper, with the exception of paragraph 7, subject to the revisions proposed by the Committee. The Secretariat was requested to revise the paper on the basis of the Committee's discussion and to circulate the revised paper to the Committee Members for further comment. Members were invited to submit additional comments to the Secretariat for inclusion in the revised document to be submitted to the next Committee meeting for its final approval. Such comments should be received by the Secretariat by December 19.

Paragraph 7 will be agreed pending future elaboration of certain technical criteria. It will be reviewed by the Committee at its meeting in January on the basis of a technical note to be prepared by the Secretariat (see paragraph 11 below). The MDBs were requested to continue their work in developing investment plans and project proposals on the basis of the revised paper to be prepared by the Secretariat.

The Secretariat was requested to prepare a technical note regarding the criteria to be applied in CTF financing for carbon capture and storage-ready coal power plants, fuel switching from coal to gas, and rehabilitation of coal-fired power plants. The note should examine, in particular, inclusion of numerical criteria. The Committee reaffirmed that, in any case, CTF funds will not be used to support sub- or supercritical coal power plants. The Secretariat was requested to work closely with the IEA and other relevant sources of expertise in preparing the note.