

# Electronic Report to the Board

## Appointment of Replacement Member on the Strategy Committee

GF/B54/ER02

### Board Decision

Purpose of the paper: This report seeks Board approval to fill a vacancy on the Strategy Committee.

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## I. Decision

1. Based on the information below, the following electronic decision point is recommended to the Board:

**Decision Point: GF/B54/EDP01: Appointment of Replacement Member on the Strategy Committee**

***The Board approves the appointment of Gabrielle Crane, representing the United Kingdom Constituency, as a voting member of the Strategy Committee for a term that will expire in May 2028, or until the appointment of her successor.***

## II. Background

2. In accordance with the Charter of the Strategy Committee (“SC”), and the Operating Procedures of the Board and Committees of the Global Fund (the “Operating Procedures”), a vacancy on a Committee that arises prior to the end of a Committee Member’s term shall be filled with a replacement from the same constituency, provided such replacement demonstrates the skills and competencies required for the mandate of the Committee. Individuals selected or appointed to fill vacant positions shall hold such positions for the unexpired term of their predecessor or until the appointment of a successor.

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3. Following the recent vacancy on the SC arising due to the resignation of Sarah Boulton, representing the United Kingdom Constituency, who was appointed effective 10 May 2025 under the Global Fund Board Decision Point GF/B52/EDP10, the Board is requested to approve the appointment of Gabrielle Crane as the new voting member of the SC representing the United Kingdom Constituency.
4. **Candidate Profile:** Gabrielle Crane is a UK civil servant with over 15 years’ experience in global health, humanitarian response, development finance, country programming and multilateral engagement. She is currently UK Global Fund Alternate Board Member and Team Leader for Diseases of Poverty at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), leading on the UK’s work on HIV, TB, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases. Gabrielle has held senior leadership roles across Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, including leading humanitarian and development responses in Yemen and Palestine. She has extensive experience working with multilateral institutions, development banks, the UN system, and donor governments, and has represented the UK in international boards, governance fora, and high-level negotiations. Her expertise includes strategy development, investment and funding policy, program oversight, organizational performance, and risk management.

## Review of Candidate and Recommendation

5. **Due diligence.** Following the nomination received, the Ethics Office of the Global Fund undertook essential integrity due diligence with respect to the proposed candidate. The review did not identify any matters in relation to the candidate that would prevent her from serving as Committee Member.
6. **EGC Leadership Review.** The EGC Leadership reviewed the candidate considering the mandate of the SC, and key responsibilities of Committee Members outlined in the Operating Procedures.
7. **Recommendation.** The Board Leadership reviewed the candidate profile, in line with the SC mandate and responsibilities defined in the Operating Procedures, and considering the inputs received. The Board Leadership recommends that the Board approve Gabrielle Crane to serve as voting member on the SC, as set forth in the decision point in Part I of this report. This decision is being submitted to the Board for approval on a non-objection basis pursuant to article 26.3 of the Operating Procedures.

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## Annex 1 – Relevant Past Board Decision

Relevant past Decision Point	Summary and Impact
<b>Decision Point: <a href="#">GF/B52/EDP10</a> –Appointment of the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members of the Standing Committees of the Board</b>	The Board approved the appointment of the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members of the Standing Committees of the Board for the term starting on 10 May 2025 for a period of three years.