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TRANCHE SUBMISSION DELAYS

Introduction

1. Pursuant to decision 53/3(c)¹, the Secretariat has prepared this document on tranche submission delays of multi-year agreements (MYAs). It presents actions taken in response to decisions on tranche submission delays adopted at the 76th meeting; an analysis of each of the tranches that were not submitted to the 77th meeting; reasons for the withdrawal of tranches that were submitted to the 77th meeting; and recommendations.

Follow-up to decisions taken on tranche submission delays at the 76th meeting

2. Pursuant to decision 76/4(b), the Secretariat sent letters to the Governments of 35 Article 5 countries to urge the submission of the next tranche of their HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) to the 77th meeting. As a result, the Governments of Burkina Faso², the Comoros³, Cuba⁴, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea⁵, Eritrea⁶, Ethiopia⁷, Grenada⁸, Guinea-Bissau⁹, Kenya¹⁰, Malawi¹¹, Rwanda¹², Saudi Arabia¹³, Senegal¹⁴, Somalia¹⁵, Swaziland¹⁶, Thailand¹⁷, Uganda¹⁸ and

¹ To request the Secretariat to proceed with the inclusion of information on submission delays in the context of its review of the implementation of business plans at the 2nd and 3rd meetings of each year.

² Submitted but subsequently withdrawn.

³ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/38.

⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/39.

⁵ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/40.

⁶ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/43.

⁷ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/44.

⁸ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/47.

⁹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/48.

¹⁰ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/52.

¹¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/53.

¹² UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/59.

¹³ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/60.

¹⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/61.

¹⁵ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/62

Zambia¹⁹ submitted respective tranches of their HPMPs. However, no tranches were submitted by the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Gabon, Guinea, Kuwait, Mozambique, Myanmar, the Niger, the Philippines, Qatar, Timor-Leste, Togo and Yemen.

Analysis of tranches not submitted to the 77th meeting

3. Forty-nine activities associated with tranches of HPMPs for 29 countries, at a total value of US \$8,319,705 (including agency support costs), due for submission to the 77th meeting were not submitted²⁰ as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Tranches not submitted to the 77th meeting

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs)	20% disbursement achieved	Implementing agency's reason for delay	Impact on compliance	2015 consumption below 10% reduction?	Agreement signed
Algeria	UNIDO	2014	154,800	No	Investment component implementation/20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	N/A
Antigua and Barbuda	UNEP	2015	6,610	Yes	Submission of progress and financial reports/Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the national ozone unit (NOU)/structural change	No	Yes	Yes
Bahamas (the)	UNEP	2016	65,738	Yes	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/ delays from previous tranche	No	Yes	Yes
Bahamas (the)	UNIDO	2016	39,052	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	No	Yes	N/A
Bahrain	UNEP	2016	141,250	Yes*	Signing of grant agreement/ sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/ delays from previous tranche	No	Yes	No
Bahrain	UNIDO	2016	1,002,211	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	No	Yes	Yes
Bangladesh	UNEP	2015	20,340	Yes	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	No	Yes	Yes
Barbados	UNDP	2016	41,420	Yes*	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	Unlikely	Yes	Yes
Barbados	UNEP	2016	54,240	Yes	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	No	Yes	Yes
Belize	UNDP	2016	7,085	Yes	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	No	Yes	Yes
Belize	UNEP	2016	108,480	Yes	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	No	Yes	Yes

¹⁶ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/64.

¹⁷ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/65.

¹⁸ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/66.

¹⁹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/68.

²⁰ For comparison, at the 76th meeting, 52 tranches for 31 countries that were due were not submitted.

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs)	20% disbursement achieved	Implementing agency's reason for delay	Impact on compliance	2015 consumption below 10% reduction?	Agreement signed
Burundi	UNEP	2016	39,550	Yes	Security issue/Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/ structural change/verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Burundi	UNIDO	2016	87,200	Yes	Verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Central African Republic (the)	UNEP	2013	62,150	Yes	Security issue/Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/ structural change	No	Yes	Yes
Cote d'Ivoire	UNEP	2016	168,156	Yes	Verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Cote d'Ivoire	UNIDO	2016	492,200	Yes	Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission	No	Yes	Yes
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the)	UNDP	2015	26,160	Yes	Verification report/Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/structural change/security issue/lead agency not ready for submission	Unlikely	Yes	Yes
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the)	UNEP	2015	26,555	Yes	Verification report/Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/structural change/security issue	No	Yes	Yes
Dominica	UNEP	2016	74,354	Yes	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change/ verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Equatorial Guinea	UNEP	2016	39,550	Yes	Verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Equatorial Guinea	UNIDO	2016	81,750	Yes	Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission	N/A	Yes	N/A
Gabon	UNEP	2016	56,613	Yes	Verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Gabon	UNIDO	2016	130,691	Yes	Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission	No	Yes	Yes
Guinea	UNIDO	2016	172,000	Yes	Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission	No	Yes	Yes
Guinea	UNEP	2016	73,450	Yes	Verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Kuwait	UNIDO	2016	1,128,684	No	Investment component implementation/20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	Yes
Kuwait	UNEP	2016	371,703	No	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche/signing of grant agreement/20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	Yes
Mozambique	UNEP	2016	33,900	Yes	Investment component implementation/Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/ structural change	No	Yes	Yes
Mozambique	UNIDO	2016	81,750	Yes	Investment component implementation/Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/ structural change	No	Yes	N/A

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs)	20% disbursement achieved	Implementing agency's reason for delay	Impact on compliance	2015 consumption below 10% reduction?	Agreement signed
Myanmar	UNEP	2015	21,470	Yes	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	No	Yes	Yes
Myanmar	UNIDO	2015	65,400	N/A* - No current tranche	Lead agency not ready for submission	No	Yes	N/A
Niger (the)	UNEP	2016	141,250	Yes	Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission	No	Yes	Yes
Niger (the)	UNIDO	2016	96,750	Yes	Verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Peru	UNDP	2016	26,891	Yes	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	Unlikely	Yes	Yes
Peru	UNEP	2016	5,650	Yes	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	No	Yes	Yes
Philippines (the)	UNEP	2015	25,990	Yes	Submission of progress and financial reports/verification report	No	Yes	No
Qatar	UNEP	2013	169,500	Yes*	Verification report/signing of grant agreement	No	Yes	No
Qatar	UNIDO	2013	571,935	Yes	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	No	Yes	N/A
Serbia	UNEP	2016	16,329	No	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche/20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	Yes
Serbia	UNIDO	2016	72,885	No	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche/20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	Yes
Suriname	UNEP	2016	39,550	Yes	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche	No	Yes	Yes
Suriname	UNIDO	2016	31,610	Yes	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	No	Yes	N/A
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	UNIDO	2016	88,150	No	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche/20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	Yes
Timor-Leste	UNDP	2015	11,641	Yes	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/ delays from previous tranche	Unlikely	Yes	Yes
Timor-Leste	UNEP	2015	18,532	Yes	Investment component implementation/Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/ structural change	No	Yes	Yes
Togo	UNEP	2016	70,060	Yes	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	No	Yes	Yes
Togo	UNIDO	2016	161,250	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	No	Yes	N/A

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs)	20% disbursement achieved	Implementing agency's reason for delay	Impact on compliance	2015 consumption below 10% reduction?	Agreement signed
Turkey	UNIDO	2016	1,710,770	No	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche/Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change/20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	Yes
Yemen	UNEP	2014	186,450	No	Security issue/verification report/signing of agreement/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Yes	No 2015 A7 or country programme (CP) data	No
Total			8,319,705					

* The overall disbursement rate exceeds the 20 per cent threshold taking into account all agencies' disbursements.

Reason for delays and status of HPMPs

4. The reasons for delays in the submission of tranches of HPMPs include: Government decisions and/or endorsements and/or changes in the NOU and/or structural change (21); lack of mandatory verification report (19); sufficient funds from previous tranches still available/delays from the previous tranche (10); disbursement below the 20 per cent threshold of approved funds for the previous tranche (8); delays in implementation of investment components (5); security issues (5); signing of agreements (4); lead agency not ready for submission (4); or no submission of progress and/or financial reports (2).

5. As reported by the relevant implementing agencies, delays in the submission of tranches that were past due would not have an impact (or would unlikely have an impact) on compliance with the countries obligations under the Montreal Protocol. However, one country (Yemen) was likely to have an impact due to ongoing internal difficulties since no project activity can take place under these circumstances; UNEP indicated that the tranche may be submitted to the 79th meeting but that submission depended mainly on improvements in the situation within the country. All outstanding tranches are expected to be submitted to the 78th meeting except for Bahrain, Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Serbia, Turkey, and Yemen, which may be submitted to the 79th meeting; for the Philippines, UNEP indicated that the new submission date was currently being discussed with the country.

6. The reasons for the delay in the submission of tranches of each country are summarized below.

Algeria (UNIDO) – Investment component implementation/20 per cent disbursement

7. UNIDO has indicated that the main reason for the slow progress was the implementation of two investment projects on the refrigeration and air-conditioning sectors as one company did not consider that it had received sufficient funds for the conversion and the other company took a long time after approval of the project to decide to go forward with the approved conversion. However, while there had been good progress since the report to the 75th meeting, the level of disbursement had not yet met the 20 per cent threshold. It did not consider the delayed tranche to have an impact on compliance since a quota system is in place.

Antigua and Barbuda (UNEP)²¹ – Submission of progress and financial reports/Government decisions

8. UNEP indicated that the tranche for Antigua and Barbuda was not submitted to the 77th meeting because required progress and financial reports had not been submitted and the tranche report had not been updated by NOU. The quota system is on the Cabinet's agenda for approval.

Bahamas (the) (UNEP and UNIDO) – Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche/lead agency not ready for submission

9. UNEP indicated that new Government procedures for vetting and approving agreements had delayed the projects but the agreements have been signed. As a result, UNEP had sufficient funds to continue its activities without additional funding. UNIDO indicated that it was ready for submission but the lead agency had decided not to submit the tranche to the 77th meeting for the reasons mentioned above.

Bahrain (UNEP and UNIDO) – Signing of grant agreement/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche/lead agency not ready for submission

10. UNEP indicated that the agreement with the Government was expected to be signed by November 2016. It indicated that there were sufficient funds from previous tranches to implement the project. UNIDO indicated that it was ready for submission but the lead agency had decided not to submit the tranche to the 77th meeting as it had sufficient funds to continue its activities.

Bangladesh (UNEP) – Government decisions

11. UNEP was expediting project implementation and was working with the Government to organize the customs training and train-the-trainer workshop for good practices in October 2016. The Government plans to submit the third and fourth tranches in 2017.

Barbados (UNDP and UNEP) – Government structural change

12. The project document between the Government and UNDP was signed only in early October 2016. New administrative procedures in the Government for the bidding and contracting the institutions have delayed the completion of the current tranche.

Belize (UNDP and UNEP) – Government decisions

13. All funds for both the UNEP and UNDP components have been disbursed and associated activities completed. UNEP indicated that the tranche had been prepared but the Government had decided not to submit it due to an ongoing issue with respect to its inability to obtain the co-funding expected for the HPMP. The Executive Committee may wish to request the Government of Belize to submit the next tranche with an action plan on how the HPMP could be implemented in the absence of co-funding.

Burundi (UNEP and UNIDO) – Security issue/Government structural change/verification report

14. There remain security issues in the country, there have been structural changes within the Government and delays in the submission of the verification report. Nevertheless, UNEP indicated that activities have progressed and the tranche should be submitted to the 78th meeting.

²¹ The tranche for Antigua and Barbuda was submitted at the 76th meeting but subsequently withdrawn.

Central African Republic (the) (UNEP) — Security issue/changes in the NOU

15. There remain security issues in the country. UNEP indicated that it was in contact with the new national ozone officer in order to accelerate project implementation.

Cote d'Ivoire (UNEP and UNIDO) - Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission

16. UNEP indicated that additional funds had been disbursed since the last report but that there has been a delay in the completion of the verification report. UNIDO is awaiting the completion of the verification report for its next submission.

Democratic Republic of Congo (the) (UNDP and UNEP) – Verification report/changes in the NOU/ security issue/lead agency not ready for submission

17. UNEP reported that support has been given to train the new ozone officer but security issues continue to be an issue. UNDP reported that logistical challenges related to the distribution of equipment in some of the provincial regions have been addressed with the UNDP country office and equipment is being handed over as per the revised planning. However, the required verification has not been completed. UNDP is awaiting the completion of the verification report for its next submission.

Dominica (UNEP) – Changes in the NOU/verification report

18. All relevant agreements have been signed and there has been a change of national ozone officers delaying the completion of the required verification report, which is yet to be completed.

Equatorial Guinea (UNEP and UNIDO) – Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission

19. UNEP indicated that there had been delays in the completion of the verification report and that it had hired an international consultant to assist the country. UNIDO has disbursed all approved funds and is awaiting the completion of the verification report for its next submission.

Gabon (UNEP and UNIDO) – Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission

20. UNEP indicated that there had been delays in the completion of the verification report. UNIDO is awaiting the completion of the verification report for its next submission.

Guinea (UNEP and UNIDO) – Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission

21. UNEP indicated that there had been delays in the completion of the verification report. UNIDO has disbursed 99 per cent of approved funds and is awaiting the completion of the verification report for its next submission.

Kuwait (UNEP and UNIDO) – Investment component implementation/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/signing of grant agreement/20 per cent disbursement threshold

22. UNEP indicated that there were sufficient funds from previous tranches still available for the non-investment components of the HPMP. The agreement is expected to be signed by the Government by November 2016. UNIDO informed that the equipment has not yet been delivered due to the need to first increase the electrical capacity of the beneficiary factories. The overall level of disbursement is below the 20 per cent threshold.

Mozambique (UNEP and UNIDO) – Investment component implementation/Government decisions

23. Additional disbursements have occurred since the last report. Both UNEP and UNIDO indicated that the Government's determination of the specifications of the equipment associated with the refrigeration servicing sector delayed the implementation of the HPMP.

Myanmar (UNEP and UNIDO) – Changes in the NOU/structural change/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/lead agency not ready for submission

24. Additional disbursements have occurred since the last report. However, there is internal procedure for the NOU to use the funding transferred by UNEP, which delays the project. Moreover, UNEP indicated that the Government's capacity to implement the project is limited. UNEP is working with the country to expedite the internal procedure and build local capacity for project implementation. UNEP conducted a mission in August 2016 to train newly recruited NOU staff. UNIDO did not receive funding in the first tranche of the HPMP.

Niger (the) (UNEP and UNIDO) – Verification report /lead agency not ready for submission

25. The tranche request could not be submitted as the verification report under preparation with the assistance from UNIDO has not been completed. UNEP is awaiting the completion of the verification report for its next submission.

Peru (UNDP and UNEP) – Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change

26. UNDP indicated that there had been a change in Government in June 2016, which led to some delays in the implementation. UNEP indicated that the Government is preparing the ban instrument for the HCFC-141b (flushing), which will be effective starting 1 January 2017. UNEP indicated that it was supporting the NOU with the direct implementation of certain activities of the HPMP.

Philippines (the) (UNEP) – verification report/submission of progress and financial reports

27. UNEP indicated that the required progress and financial reports have not been completed, and the 2015 verification report has not been finalized. UNEP indicated that it continues to engage with senior Government official for a way forward in the management of this project.

Qatar (UNEP and UNIDO) – Verification report/signing of grant agreement/changes in the NOU

28. UNEP indicated that a new action plan had been agreed only in August 2016, the agreement was expected to be signed in December 2016, and the required verification report had not been completed. UNIDO delays had been experienced due to the absence of an NOU for more than two years.

Serbia (UNEP and UNIDO) – Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche/20 per cent disbursement threshold

29. UNEP informed that it would use direct implementation to implement the HPMP since the Ministry could not sign the agreement with UNEP. The overall level of disbursement is below the 20 per cent threshold.

Suriname (UNEP and UNIDO) – Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche/Government decisions/changes in the NOU

30. UNEP indicated that the low disbursement had been due to delays in finalizing the agreement. UNIDO indicated that the Government had staffing issues in the ozone unit and prefers to defer submission to next year.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (UNIDO) – Sufficient funds from previous tranche/delays from previous tranche/20 per cent disbursement threshold

31. UNIDO indicated that consultant had been contracted and training activities had been scheduled but that the 20 per cent disbursement target had not been achieved.

Timor-Leste (UNDP and UNEP) – Investment component/sufficient funds from previous tranche/changes in the NOU

32. UNDP indicated that due to capacity constraints at the national ozone office, implementation of the first and second tranches is still ongoing with the remaining funds to support all planned activities until December 2017. UNEP indicated that there had been a delay in the procurement of training equipment.

Togo (UNEP and UNIDO) –Changes in the NOU/structural change/lead agency not ready for submission

33. UNEP indicated that changes in the national ozone unit had delayed the submission of the next tranche. UNIDO indicated that it was awaiting a decision of the lead agency (UNEP) to submit.

Turkey (UNIDO) – Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche/ Government decisions/20 per cent disbursement threshold

34. UNIDO indicated that changes in the Government and security issues in 2016 had delayed the submission of the next tranche. The overall level of disbursement is below the 20 per cent threshold.

Yemen (UNEP) – Security issue/verification report/signing of agreement/20 per cent disbursement threshold

35. UNEP indicated that the security issue in the country has resulted in the expiration of the agreement for the project; the required verification report had not been completed; and the overall level of disbursement is below the 20 per cent threshold. UNEP indicated that since activities have not progressed the country may be at risk for non-compliance. 2015 CP and A7 data have not been submitted but 2014 data indicated that the country had been in compliance with the freeze.

Tranches submitted but withdrawn after discussion with the Secretariat

36. Table 2 presents tranches of stage I of HPMPs that were submitted to the 77th meeting but subsequently withdrawn by relevant implementing agencies during the project review process, due to agreement on costs related to changes in consumption data.

Table 2. Tranches that were submitted but withdrawn after discussion with the Secretariat

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs)	Reason for withdrawal	Impact on compliance	2015 consumption below 10% reduction	Agreement signed	New submission date (meeting)
Burkina Faso	UNEP	Third (2016)	142,493	Agreement on costs related to changes in consumption data	No	Yes	Yes	78 th
Burkina Faso	UNIDO	Third (2016)	108,891	Agreement on costs related to changes in consumption data	No	Yes	Yes	78 th
Total			251,384					

Recommendations

37. The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note:
 - (i) The report on tranche submission delays contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/6;
 - (ii) The information on tranche submission delays under HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) submitted by UNDP, UNEP and UNIDO;
 - (iii) That 42 out of 91 activities related to tranches of HPMPs due for submission to the 77th meeting had been submitted on time and that two of those tranches were withdrawn following discussion with the Secretariat;
 - (iv) That relevant implementing agencies indicated that the late submission of the tranches of HPMPs due for the last meeting of 2016 would have no impact, or was unlikely to have an impact on compliance with the Montreal Protocol except for one country and that there had been no indication that any of these countries concerned were in non-compliance in 2014 for the 2013 freeze of HCFC consumption or the 10 per cent reduction in 2015 for those countries that have reported 2015 data; and
- (b) To request the Secretariat to send letters on the decisions on tranche submission delays to relevant Governments as indicated in Annex I to the present report.

Annex I

**LETTERS TO BE SENT TO THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENTS
ON TRANCHE SUBMISSION DELAYS**

Country	Views expressed by the Executive Committee
Algeria	Noting that the delays in initiating two investment projects had been addressed and urging the Government of Algeria to work with UNIDO so that the third (2014) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2014 and subsequent tranches on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Antigua and Barbuda	Noting that the second (2015) tranche of the HPMP was not submitted and urging the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to complete the approval of the quota system, to submit the required progress and financial report to UNEP, and to work with UNEP so that the second tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 and subsequent tranches.
Bahamas (the)	Noting that the agreement had only been signed in the first part of 2016 and implementation was underway and urging the Government of the Bahamas to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting.
Bahrain	Noting that the delays from previous tranches had been resolved and urging the Government of Bahrain to sign the grant agreement with UNEP and to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th or 79 th meeting.
Bangladesh	Noting the effort to expedite project implementation and the planning of training workshops and urging the Government of Bangladesh to work with UNEP so the third (2015) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th or 79 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 and subsequent tranches.
Barbados	Noting that the project document had only been signed on 7 October 2016 but new administrative procedures were delaying the completion of the current tranche and urging the Government of Barbados to work with UNDP and UNEP so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting.
Belize	Noting that the Government of Belize has not obtained expected co-financing to supplement the funding for the HPMP approved and urging the Government to work with UNEP and UNDP to submit a revised action plan for the second (2016) tranche and subsequent tranches for implementing the HPMP in the absence of co-financing for consideration by the Executive Committee at its 78 th meeting.
Burkina Faso	Noting that the third (2016) tranche submitted to the 77 th meeting was withdrawn by the relevant implementing agencies, and urging the Government of Burkina Faso to work with UNEP and UNIDO to address all relevant issues with HCFC consumption data, so that the third (2016) tranche could be re-submitted to the 78 th meeting.
Burundi	Noting that there are ongoing security issues and structural changes in the Government and the required verification report has not been completed, and urging the Government of Burundi to work with UNEP to complete the verification report and to work with UNEP and UNIDO to address all relevant issues and to submit the third (2016) tranche to the 78 th meeting.
Central African Republic (the)	Noting that there are ongoing security issues and a new ozone officer has been appointed but that 2015 country programme data has not been submitted and urging the Government to work with UNEP to expedite the implementation of the existing tranche so that the second (2013) tranche can be submitted to the 78 th or 79 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2013 tranche and subsequent tranches.

Country	Views expressed by the Executive Committee
Cote d'Ivoire	Noting that there are delays in the completion of the required verification report, and urging the Government of Cote d'Ivoire to work with UNEP to complete the verification report so that UNEP and UNIDO could submit the third (2016) tranche to the 78 th meeting.
Democratic Republic of Congo (the)	Noting the change in the national ozone unit and ongoing security issues and that the required verification report has not been completed, and urging the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo to work with UNEP to complete the verification report and to work with UNDP and UNEP so that the third (2015) tranche of the HPMP could be submitted to the 78 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 and subsequent tranches.
Dominica	Noting that the required verification has not been completed, and urging the Government of Dominica to work with UNEP to complete the verification so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting.
Equatorial Guinea	Noting that the required verification has not been completed and urging the Government of Equatorial Guinea to work with UNEP to complete the verification and to work with UNEP and UNIDO to submit the third (2016) tranche to the 78 th meeting.
Gabon	Noting that the verification has not been completed and urging the Government of Gabon to work with UNEP to complete the verification report and to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting.
Guinea	Noting that the required verification has not been completed and urging the Government of Guinea to work with UNEP to complete the verification report and to work with UNEP and UNIDO to submit the third (2016) tranche to the 78 th meeting.
Kuwait	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the second tranche of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, that the agreement with UNEP was pending, and that there had been a delay in equipment shipment, and urging the Government of Kuwait to work with UNIDO to expedite the completion of planned activities and with UNEP on signing the agreement so that the third (2016) tranche can be submitted to the 78 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold could be achieved.
Mozambique	Noting that there have been delays due to the determination of the specifications of equipment for the investment component of the HPMP, and urging the Government of Mozambique to work with UNEP and UNIDO to complete the activities so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting.
Myanmar	Noting that internal procedures have delayed the implementation of the HPMP, and urging the Government of Myanmar to work with UNEP to expedite the implementation of activities so that the second (2015) tranche can be submitted to the 78 th meeting, with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 and subsequent tranches.
Niger (the)	Noting that the required verification report had not been completed, and urging the Government of the Niger to work with UNIDO to submit the verification report and with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting.
Peru	Noting that there had been a change in Government and urging the Government of Peru to work with UNDP and UNEP to expedite the completion of activities so that the third (2016) tranche can be submitted to the 78 th meeting.
Philippines (the)	Noting that the required verification report and the progress and financial reports had not been completed, and urging the Government of the Philippines to work with UNEP to submit the verification report and to complete the required progress and financial reports so that the second (2015) tranche can be submitted to the 78 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 and subsequent tranches.

Country	Views expressed by the Executive Committee
Qatar	Noting that the agreement with UNEP has not been signed and the required verification report had not been completed nor had an national ozone officer been appointed by the relevant authorities, and inviting the Government of Qatar to appoint a new national ozone officer, and urging the Government to work with UNEP to sign the relevant agreement and complete the verification report, and with UNEP and UNIDO to complete activities so that the second (2013) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2013 and subsequent tranches.
Serbia	Noting that the Government had agreed for UNEP to use direct implementation to implement the HPMP and urging the Government of Serbia to work with UNEP and UNIDO to expedite the completion of activities so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th or 79 th meeting with the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold could be achieved.
Suriname	Noting that there had been delays in previous tranches and there were some staffing issues in the ozone unit and urging the Government of Suriname to work with UNEP and UNIDO to expedite the completion of activities so the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting.
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Noting that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold had not be achieved and urging the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to work with UNIDO to complete activities so that the seventh (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold could be achieved.
Timor-Leste	Noting that there had been delays in the procurement of training materials and changes in the national ozone office and urging the Government of Timor-Leste to work with UNDP and UNEP to expedite implementation of the HPMP so that the third (2015) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 and subsequent tranches.
Togo	Noting that there had been a change in the national ozone unit, and urging the Government of Togo to work with UNEP and UNIDO to expedite implementation so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th meeting.
Turkey	Noting that there had been security issues and change in the Government and urging the Government of Turkey to work with UNIDO to expedite implementation so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 78 th or 79 th meeting on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold could be achieved.
Yemen	Noting that there had been difficulty in completing the verification report of national consumption targets and the current internal difficulties in the country, and urging the Government of Yemen to work with UNEP to complete the verification report and expedite project implementation so that the second (2014) tranche can be submitted to the 78 th or 79 th meeting, with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2014 and subsequent tranches, accordingly, and to submit 2015 country programme and Article 7 data.