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Montreal, 25-29 May 2020  
Postponed to 19-22 July 2020\*

**BILATERAL COOPERATION**

1. This document provides an overview of requests from bilateral agencies, and whether these are eligible in light of the maximum level of bilateral cooperation available for 2020 or 2018-2020 triennium. It cross-references relevant meeting documents that include a discussion on the bilateral requests, and contains the recommendation on the year of assignment for bilateral cooperation.

**Overview**

2. Five projects for bilateral cooperation with a value of US \$149,020 have been submitted to the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1. Projects for bilateral cooperation submitted to the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Agency	Country	Project title	Funding requested (US \$)	Support costs (US \$)	Amount recommended (US \$)
Canada	Belize	Enabling activities for HFC phase-down	40,000	2,800	42,800
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>40,000</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>42,800</b>
France	Lao People's Democratic Republic	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, third tranche)	4,500	585	(1)
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>4,500</b>	<b>585</b>	
Germany	Lesotho	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, fourth tranche)	28,000	3,640	(2)
Germany	Liberia	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, third tranche)	31,500	4,095	(3)
Germany	Liberia	Verification report for stage I HCFC phase-out management plan	30,000	3,900	33,900
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>89,500</b>	<b>11,635</b>	<b>33,900</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>134,000</b>	<b>15,020</b>	<b>76,700</b>

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/85/33

(2) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/85/34

(3) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/85/35

\* Due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Pre-session documents of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol are without prejudice to any decision that the Executive Committee might take following issuance of the document.

### **Allowable level of bilateral cooperation**

3. The amount of funding being requested by the Governments of Canada, France and Germany at the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting, together with the funding amount that have been approved during the 2018-2020 triennium, does not exceed the 20 per cent allowable level of bilateral cooperation as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. Funding levels as bilateral cooperation during the 2018-2020 triennium (US \$)**

Agency	Funding			Allowable level	Year of assignment
	Approved	85 <sup>th</sup> meeting	Total		
Canada	1,011,962	42,800	1,054,762	4,416,800	2020
France	134,470	5,085	139,555	7,347,300	2020
Germany	6,473,176	101,135	6,574,311	9,660,800	2018-2020

### **Belize: Enabling activities for HFC phase-down (Canada)**

#### Project description

4. In line with decision 79/46, the Government of Canada submitted a funding request for the implementation of enabling activities for HFC phase-down in Belize as cooperating implementing agency as listed in Table 1. The detailed project proposal, including a draft implementation plan, activities and corresponding budgets, and the institutional arrangement to support the implementation of the enabling activities is contained in the work programme for 2020 submitted by UNDP<sup>1</sup> as lead implementing agency, which is requesting US \$55,000, plus agency support costs of US \$3,850.

#### Secretariat's comment

5. The Secretariat reviewed the request for enabling activities and concluded that it fulfilled all the requirements of decision 79/46, as noted below:

- (a) Endorsement letter from the Government of Belize indicating its intent to make best efforts to ratify the Kigali Amendment as early as possible, was submitted by UNDP;
- (b) The project proposal included a description of each of the enabling activities, institutional arrangements, cost breakdown and the schedule for implementation; and
- (c) Project implementation will be 18 months.

6. The funding requested was consistent with decision 79/46(c) and calculated based on the country's HCFC baseline.

#### Secretariat's recommendation

7. The Secretariat recommends blanket approval of the request from the Government of Canada for enabling activities for HFC phase-down for Belize at the level of funding indicated in Table 1 above.

### **Liberia: Technical assistance to prepare a verification report on HCFC consumption (Germany)**

#### Project description

8. At its 76<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Executive Committee requested relevant bilateral and implementing agencies to include in their respective work programme amendments due for submission to the 77<sup>th</sup> meeting, funding for verification reports for stage I of the HPMPs for a number of countries, including Liberia

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/85/15.

(decision 76/17). The Government of Germany, as the lead implementing agency of the HPMP for Liberia, did not submit the request to the 77<sup>th</sup> meeting as the subsequent funding tranche for Liberia was only due in 2020.

#### Secretariat's comments

9. The Government of Germany submitted the request for the verification report for Liberia together with the funding request for the final tranche of stage I of the HPMP. In reviewing the tranche request, the Secretariat noted *inter alia* that it should have been accompanied by a verification report; however, due to an oversight, the Government of Germany did not request funding for the preparation of the verification report. Noting that the consumption of HCFCs was significantly lower than the target set in its Agreement with the Executive Committee, and that the activities under the HPMP were ongoing, the Secretariat considered it relevant to proceed with the implementation of the final tranche of the HPMP.<sup>2</sup>

10. The Secretariat noted that the verification report has to be submitted at least 60 days prior to the meeting where the next funding tranche for the HPMP would be requested. However, in the case of Liberia, as the final tranche of stage I had been submitted to the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting, the verification would be required along with the submission of stage II of the HPMP and would cover the period from 2015 to the year before the submission of stage II.

#### Secretariat's recommendations

11. The Secretariat recommends blanket approval for the preparation of the verification report for stage I of HPMP for the Liberia, at the level of funding indicated in Table 1 above, on the understanding that the verification report should be submitted along with the submission of stage II of the HPMP for Liberia.

#### **General recommendation**

12. The Executive Committee may wish to request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 85<sup>th</sup> meeting as follows:

- (a) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Canada for 2020;
- (b) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of France for 2020; and
- (c) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Germany for 2018-2020.

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<sup>2</sup> Paragraph 10 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/85/35.