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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL  
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Montreal, 28 June-2 July 2021<sup>1</sup>

**BILATERAL COOPERATION**

1. This document provides an overview of requests from bilateral agencies. Due to the constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Parties to the Montreal Protocol have not been able to agree on the level of the 2021-2023 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund. As the requests from bilateral agencies submitted to the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting, are the first submissions for the triennium 2021-2023, the funding of these requests are below the eligible maximum level of bilateral cooperation. 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. Ten projects with a value of US \$1,064,543 have been submitted by two bilateral agencies as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1. Projects for bilateral cooperation submitted to the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Agency	Country	Project title	Funding requested (US \$)	Support costs (US \$)	Amount recommended (US \$)	Document
Germany	Burkina Faso <sup>a</sup>	Preparation of an HFC phase-down plan	150,000	19,500	169,500*	Present document
Germany	India	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, third tranche)	105,887	11,855	117,742	Decision 86/90(c) <sup>2</sup>
Germany	India <sup>b</sup>	Preparation of HCFC phase-out management plan (stage III) (Overarching)	40,000	5,200	45,200	Present document

<sup>1</sup> Online meetings and an intersessional approval process will be held in June and July 2021 due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

<sup>2</sup> "To approve the third tranche of stage II of the HPMP for India, and the corresponding 2021-2022 tranche implementation plan, in the amount of US \$14,792,059, consisting of [...] US \$1,500,000, plus agency support costs of US \$167,941 for the Government of Germany, noting that for the amount approved for Germany, US \$1,394,113, plus agency support costs of US \$156,086, would be allocated to the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting and US \$105,887, plus agency support costs of US \$11,855, would be allocated to the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting."

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.

Agency	Country	Project title	Funding requested (US \$)	Support costs (US \$)	Amount recommended (US \$)	Document
Germany	Islamic Republic of Iran <sup>c</sup>	Preparation of HCFC phase-out management plan (stage III) (industrial refrigeration and industrial air-conditioning)	25,000	3,250	28,250	Present document
Germany	Islamic Republic of Iran <sup>c</sup>	Preparation of HCFC phase-out management plan (stage III) (Overarching)	15,000	1,950	16,950	Present document
Germany	Lesotho	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	168,900	21,957	190,857*	(1)
Germany	Liberia	Preparation of an HFC phase-down plan	130,000	16,900	146,900*	Present document
Germany	Mauritius <sup>a</sup>	Preparation of an HFC phase-down plan	150,000	19,500	169,500*	Present document
Germany	Papua New Guinea	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, fourth tranche)	134,000	15,812	149,812	(2)
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>918,787</b>	<b>115,924</b>	<b>1,034,711</b>	
Japan	Vietnam	HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, third tranche)	26,400	3,432	29,832	(3)
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>26,400</b>	<b>3,432</b>	<b>29,832</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>945,187</b>	<b>119,356</b>	<b>1,064,543</b>	

\*Individual consideration

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/87/31

(2) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/87/32

(3) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/87/40

<sup>a</sup> Requests forwarded from the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting presented in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/32

<sup>b</sup> UNDP as lead implementing agency, and UNEP as cooperating implementing agency.

<sup>c</sup> UNDP as lead implementing agency, and UNEP and UNIDO as cooperating implementing agencies.

## **India and Islamic Republic of Iran: Project preparation for HCFC phase-out management plans**

### **Project description**

3. The Government of Germany submitted requests for the preparation of stage III of the HPMPs for two Article 5 countries as cooperating bilateral agency, with UNDP as lead implementing agency and UNEP as cooperating implementing agency for India and the Islamic Republic of Iran and with UNIDO as an additional cooperating agency for the Islamic Republic of Iran, and also requested project preparation funding for an investment activity in the Islamic Republic of Iran in the industrial refrigeration and air-conditioning (RAC) sector as part of stage III of the HPMP, as shown in Table 3. For India and the Islamic Republic of Iran, UNDP as lead implementing agency, has requested US \$440,000, plus agency support costs of US \$30,800 in total; and UNEP as cooperating implementing agency has requested US \$35,000, plus agency support costs of US \$4,550 in total; and UNIDO as an additional cooperating implementing agency for the Islamic Republic of Iran has requested US \$65,000, plus agency support costs of US \$4,550, in their respective work programmes for 2021<sup>3</sup>.

4. UNDP as lead implementing agency, provided a description of the activities required for the preparation of an overarching strategy for stage III of the HPMPs for India and the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for the preparation for investment projects in the industrial RAC sector for the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the corresponding costs in its work programme.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> UNDP (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/87/15); UNEP (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/87/16); and UNIDO (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/87/17)

<sup>4</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/87/15

**Secretariat's comments**

5. The Secretariat noted that the submissions for the request for project preparation were consistent with the requirements in decision 71/42,<sup>5</sup> and that stage III of the HPMPs for India and the Islamic Republic of Iran will phase out the remaining consumption of HCFCs by 1 January 2030, except for the servicing tail.

**Secretariat's recommendations**

6. The Secretariat recommends blanket approval for project preparation for stage III of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) for India and the Islamic Republic of Iran at the level of funding shown in Table 3.

**Burkina Faso, Liberia and Mauritius: Project preparation for HFC phase-down management plans****Project preparation requests submitted to the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting**

7. At the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Government of Germany submitted requests for funding for the preparation of HFC phase-down management plans for Burkina Faso and Mauritius, as designated bilateral agency,<sup>6</sup> as listed in Table 3. These funding requests, submitted for individual consideration, were not considered at the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting, and were deferred to the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting in light of the discussion of the Draft guidelines for the preparation of HFC phase-down plans for Article 5 countries at the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting,<sup>7</sup> and in line with decision 86/55. Accordingly, the proposals submitted to the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting have been included in the present document.

**Project preparation for HFC phase-down management plans****Project description**

8. The Government of Germany submitted a request to the present meeting for the preparation of the HFC phase-down management plans for one country as the designated bilateral agency as shown in Table 3.

**Secretariat's comments**

9. As the designated bilateral agency, the Government of Germany provided a description of the activities required for the preparation of an overarching strategy for HFC phase-down for the three countries, information related to estimated imports of HFCs and HFC blends; activities to be implemented during project preparation including a survey of HFC consumption; stakeholder meetings and consultations; support for the HFC licencing and quotas system; awareness raising; HFC phase-down strategy development; and technical support to finalize the phase-down plan. The funding amount for the preparation of the project proposals requested at the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting was based on the funding for enabling activities (contained in decision 79/46(c)); however, the funding requested at the present meeting is based on the proposed Draft guidelines for the preparation of HFC phase-down plans,<sup>8</sup> which were submitted to the 86<sup>th</sup> meeting and deferred to the 87<sup>th</sup> for further discussion.

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<sup>5</sup> Guidelines for funding the preparation of stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) for Article 5 countries

<sup>6</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/32

<sup>7</sup> Agenda item 13(c)

<sup>8</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/88

10. The Secretariat reviewed the submission based on past experience of reviewing requests for preparation of HPMPs, and taking into account guidance provided and decision adopted by the Executive Committee for such projects.

11. Based on this review, it was noted that Burkina Faso, Liberia and Mauritius had ratified the Kigali Amendment on 26 July 2018, 13 July 2020 and 1 October 2019, respectively, and that the activities described in the proposals are similar to those required to prepare HPMPs. Some activities also resembled those included under the enabling activities for HFC phase-down for which funding had already been provided. The Government of Germany clarified that the request for project preparation would draw on the activities implemented under the enabling activities, as these were the first actions associated with the phase-down of HFCs and had contributed to the ratification of the Kigali Amendment by the country, and emphasized that duplication of activities already implemented will be avoided.

12. The Secretariat informed the Government of Germany that it will be unable to make a recommendation on this request as guidelines on funding these requests will continue to be discussed at the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Secretariat's recommendations**

13. The Executive Committee may wish to consider, in line with discussions under agenda item 9(a), Overview of issues identified during project review, and agenda item 13(c), Draft guidelines for the preparation of HFC phase-down plans for Article 5 countries (decision 86/93), the requests for funding the preparation of HFC phase-down management plans for the countries list in Table 3.

### **General recommendation**

14. The Executive Committee may wish to request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting as follows:

- (a) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Germany for 2021; and
  - (b) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Japan for 2021.
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