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**UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE EVALUATION OF
REGIONAL NETWORKS OF NATIONAL OZONE OFFICERS**

Background

1. At its 86th meeting, the Executive Committee approved the terms of reference (TORs)² for the second phase of the evaluation of regional networks of national ozone officers (NOOs) (decision 86/10).
2. Although the TORs were approved by the Executive Committee at the 86th meeting, it was not until the arrival of the new Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (SMEO) that this activity was included in the monitoring and evaluation work programme for the year 2022,³ and approved at the 88th meeting (decision 88/10). The Executive Committee, when including the activity in the work programme for 2022, took into consideration the challenges and uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and agreed to be provided with an interim update by the SMEO at the 90th meeting.⁴ The present document provides information on the progress made in the undertaking of the second phase of the evaluation of regional networks of NOOs.
3. Following a competitive selection process, a consultant with extended knowledge and relevant experience in programmatic and performance evaluation of international organizations, including in the Multilateral Fund, has been hired. Under the supervision of the SMEO, the consultant has designed the evaluation matrix and prepared the questionnaires for reaching out to the key stakeholders. These have been identified after a thorough analysis of existing documentation, with the support of the OzonAction team in Paris, and taking into account the findings and recommendations of the desk study which was prepared under the first phase of this evaluation. The consultant will prepare an interim report based on the findings of the surveys and questionnaires and the remote interviews organized with regional coordinators and other

¹ Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/90/1

² Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/86/11/Corr.1

³ Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/11/Rev.1

⁴ Table 1 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/88/11/Rev.1

stakeholders. The SMEO will consolidate the draft interim report with additional results from field work during the autumn and will present an updated progress report to the 91st meeting.

4. The SMEO and the consultant have attended virtual regional meetings in three of the five groupings of networks, namely: Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe and Central Asia. It is planned that the SMEO will attend the first in-person regional meeting event scheduled to take place in Bangkok from 17 to 19 July 2022. She will seize the opportunity to meet with different stakeholders and visit the national ozone unit in Bangkok.

5. Future field work to be undertaken in autumn 2022 will be adjusted to the actual calendar of regional meetings which is not yet confirmed, subject to the evolution of travel conditions for international meetings after the lifting of COVID-19-related restrictions.

6. The SMEO notes the excellent collaboration with the OzonAction team and the regional networks coordinators in facilitating the smooth preparation of the ongoing evaluation, by providing all the required information, contacts and facilitating the organization of and attendance to meetings.

7. Further progress updates will be presented at the 91st meeting.

Recommendation

8. The Executive Committee may wish to note the update on the status of the second phase of the evaluation of regional networks of national ozone officers, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/90/7.