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**DRAFT REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MULTILATERAL FUND  
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL TO THE THIRTY-SIXTH  
MEETING OF THE PARTIES**

**Introduction**

1. The present report contains two sections and two annexes as follows:

- I: Review of the reporting period since the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties
- II: Achievements of the Multilateral Fund since its inception

[Annex: Annual newsletter of the Multilateral Fund featuring a few successful projects and policy outcomes in 2023]

**I. Review of the reporting period since the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties**

2. During the reporting period, the Executive Committee held its 93rd [and 94th] meetings. The 93rd meeting was held in Montreal, Canada, from 15 to 19 December 2023. The work of the 93rd meeting was conducted by the members of the Executive Committee for 2023, in accordance with decision XXXIV/20 of the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties. The Committee comprised the following Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol (Article 5 Parties): Brazil (Vice-Chair), Burkina Faso, China, Cuba, Ghana, Kenya and Kuwait; and the following Parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol (non-Article 5 Parties): Australia (Chair), Belgium, Estonia, Finland, Italy, Japan and the United States of America.

3. [The 94th meeting was held in Montreal from 27 to 31 May 2024. The work of the 94th meeting was conducted by the members of the Executive Committee for 2024, in accordance with decision XXXV/23 of the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties. The Committee comprised the following non-Article 5 Parties: Belgium, Canada, Estonia, Italy (Vice-Chair), Japan, Sweden and the United States

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/1

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of America; and the following Article 5 Parties: Argentina (Chair), Cuba, Ghana, India, Jordan, Kuwait and Tunisia.] The reports of those meetings<sup>2</sup> are available on the Multilateral Fund website (www.multilateralfund.org).

## **A. Policy matters related to the Kigali Amendment**

### **1. Development of the cost guidelines for funding the phase-down of HFCs in Article 5 countries, including consideration of operationalizing paragraph 24 of decision XXVIII/2**

4. During the reporting period, the Executive Committee continued its discussion of the cost guidelines for the phase-down of HFCs in Article 5 countries, which it had begun at a special four-day meeting in 2017, the 78th meeting, to address matters arising from decision XXVIII/2 of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties.

5. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee began its discussions in plenary,<sup>3</sup> then moved to a contact group where two separate proposals on the outstanding elements of the HFC cost guidelines were put forward, one by non-Article 5 countries and the other by Article 5 countries. The Executive Committee agreed to continue, at the 94th meeting, consideration of the draft guidelines for funding the phase-down of HFCs, including consideration of operationalizing paragraph 24 of decision XXVIII/2, using a set of the working documents annexed to the report of that meeting,<sup>4</sup> including the aforementioned proposals.

6. [At the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting...]

### **2. Operational framework to further elaborate on institutional aspects and projects and activities that could be undertaken by the Multilateral Fund for maintaining and/or enhancing the energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the manufacturing and servicing sectors when phasing down HFCs**

7. During the reporting period, the Executive Committee continued its discussion of an operational framework to elaborate further on institutional aspects and projects and activities that could be undertaken by the Multilateral Fund for maintaining and/or enhancing the energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the manufacturing and servicing sector when phasing down HFCs.

8. The Committee had begun discussing energy-efficiency issues at the 82nd meeting in response to the Parties' deliberations at the fortieth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and the Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties in relation to volume 5 of the May 2018 report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on issues related to energy efficiency while phasing down HFCs.<sup>5</sup>

9. At its 93rd meeting, the Committee considered a report by the Secretariat<sup>6</sup> on the matter. Following discussions in a contact group, the Executive Committee decided to pursue its deliberations and continue to advance efforts at the 94th meeting towards adopting an operational framework. In the meantime, it invited countries that wished to do so to submit projects for maintaining and/or enhancing energy efficiency while phasing down HFCs as part of Kigali HFC implementation plans (KIPs). It requested the Secretariat to prepare a document, for the 94th meeting, that would further elaborate on the report prepared for the 93rd meeting and would include a methodology for quantifying energy-efficiency gains; the specific roles of national ozone units (NOUs) and of bodies regulating energy efficiency; potential modalities for funding both investment and non-investment activities; specifically the further refinement and expansion of the information on the five equipment types in order to incorporate any relevant updates and estimates of the

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/105 [and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/??].

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/96, UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/97 [and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/60].

<sup>4</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/105, annex LXII.

<sup>5</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/82/65 and Add.1.

<sup>6</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/98.

kilowatt hours saved and the climate benefits in carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent) for each of the manufacturing conversions, to the extent feasible; potential modalities for monitoring and reporting on progress and the outcomes of the projects for maintaining and/or enhancing energy efficiency; and the further development of information on a revolving fund, taking into account existing models implemented by other funds and financial institutions, including the potential implications for the Multilateral Fund and its implementing agencies (decision 93/93).

10. [At the 94th meeting...]

### **3. Template for an Agreement for stage I of Kigali HFC implementation plans**

11. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee pursued consideration of a draft template for an Agreement for stage I of KIPs,<sup>7</sup> including in a contact group. The group reported that Appendices 1-A and 2-A remained under consideration, as they were related to the establishment of the starting point, which was still under discussion. Appendix 7-A, which related to the penalty due to failure to comply with the consumption targets, had been agreed by the group, but it had not reached agreement on Appendix 5-A, on monitoring institutions and roles. The Executive Committee agreed to continue, at the 94th meeting, consideration of the draft template for an Agreement for stage I of Kigali HFC implementation plans using a working document annexed to the report of that meeting.<sup>8</sup>

12. [At the 94th meeting...]

### **4. Consumption of HFCs in the local installation and assembly subsector**

13. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee considered a paper containing information on the types of activities that Article 5 countries could undertake, on the nature of the assistance required and on supply-chain issues that needed to be resolved to address consumption in the local installation and assembly subsector in their KIPs.<sup>9</sup> The Executive Committee decided to take into consideration the information provided in that document in deciding further steps on the matter and invited Article 5 countries, through the bilateral and implementing agencies or their KIPs, to continue providing to the Secretariat, on a voluntary basis, information on the local installation and assembly subsector. It requested the Secretariat to provide, at the 95th meeting, an update to the aforementioned document taking into account any additional information provided by Article 5 countries on the local installation and assembly subsector. It furthermore encouraged bilateral and implementing agencies and Article 5 countries, when developing projects in the local installation and assembly subsector under stage I of their KIPs, to ensure that such projects took a strategic approach to facilitate the sustained phase-down of HFCs in the applications being targeted by the project, taking into account the suggestions and activities proposed in document submitted to the 93rd meeting (decision 93/94).

### **5. Consideration of HFCs contained in imported pre-blended polyols in the polyurethane foam sector in stage I of the Kigali HFC implementation plans**

14. At the 93rd meeting, during its discussion of the issues identified during project review,<sup>10</sup> the Executive Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare, for consideration at the 95th meeting, a brief note on the issue of HFCs contained in imported pre-blended polyols in the polyurethane (PU) foam sector in Article 5 countries on the basis of past practice with regard to HCFCs contained in imported pre-blended polyols (decision 93/34). The Executive Committee also requested the Secretariat to prepare a separate paper, for consideration at the 94th meeting, on the issue of alternatives in PU foam manufacturing.

<sup>7</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/100.

<sup>8</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/105, annex LXIII.

<sup>9</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/99.

<sup>10</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/31.

15. [At the 94th meeting...]

## **6. Modalities for the distribution of funding tranches for Kigali HFC implementation plans**

16. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee discussed modalities for the distribution of funding tranches for KIPs when the issue was raised under the agenda item on other matters. The Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare, for consideration at the 94th meeting, an analysis of the implications of decision 62/17<sup>11</sup> for implementation of HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs), with a view to enabling the Executive Committee to discuss whether and how to revise its approach to the timing and the value of the final tranche of a multi-year agreement (MYA). It decided that, pending further decision on the matter by the Executive Committee, the Secretariat, in consultation with bilateral and implementing agencies, would finalize the tranche distribution of stage I of KIPs on a case-by-case basis (decision 93/105).

17. [At the 94th meeting...]

## **7. A comprehensive approach for the implementation of the Kigali Amendment**

18. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the possibility of a comprehensive approach to the implementation of the Kigali Amendment when the issue was raised under the agenda item on other matters. The Committee requested the Secretariat to organize a dedicated half-day session prior to the 94th meeting of the Executive Committee for an informal discussion on strategic approaches to Kigali Amendment implementation, including issues related to policies and regulations, cooling and phase-down strategies, energy efficiency, sector approaches and life-cycle refrigerant management. It invited the Committee members for 2024 to send written views on those issues to the Secretariat by 1 March 2024 and requested the Secretariat to prepare a compilation of inputs broken down by topic for discussion at the dedicated session (decision 93/103).

19. [At the 94th meeting...]

## **8. Funding window to assist Article 5 countries affected by the coronavirus disease pandemic**

20. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the possibility of a funding window to assist Article 5 countries affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic when the issue was raised under the agenda item on other matters. The Committee agreed to include further discussion of a funding window to assist Article 5 countries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic on the agenda of its 94th meeting.

21. [At the 94th meeting...]

## **B. All other policy matters**

### **1. Review of the administrative cost regime of the Multilateral Fund**

22. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee considered a document on review of the administrative cost regime of the Multilateral Fund.<sup>12</sup> It decided to approve an increase in the core unit funding for UNDP, UNIDO and the World Bank, by US \$200,000 each, for each year of the triennium 2024–2026, to strengthen their capacity to provide technical and policy support to Article 5 countries, on the understanding that the increase only applied to the triennium 2024–2026. It also decided that the

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<sup>11</sup> “The Executive Committee decided to request the bilateral and implementing agencies, when preparing multi-year HCFC phase-out management plans, to ensure that the last tranche comprised 10 per cent of the total funding for the refrigeration servicing sector in the agreement and was scheduled for the last year of the plan.”

<sup>12</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/101.

administrative cost regime of the Multilateral Fund for the triennium 2021–2023 would be maintained for the triennium 2024–2026, except for agency fees for stage I of KIPs for low-volume-consuming (LVC) countries, which would be applied starting from the 93rd meeting at 13 per cent for projects up to a value of US \$500,000 and 13 per cent on the first US \$500,000 and 11 per cent on the balance for projects with a value exceeding US \$500,000. It also approved an increase in the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) budget for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 by US \$200,000, US \$150,000 and US \$150,000, respectively, for providing technical and policy assistance to LVC countries to support KIP implementation, on the understanding that the funding allocation for each year would be used within 24 months and the balances would be returned to the Multilateral Fund and that UNEP would report on the technical and policy assistance activities provided to LVC countries and their impact as part of the narrative of their CAP annual progress reports. The Committee would review the administrative cost regime and its core unit funding budget again at the last meeting of 2026, namely the last meeting of the triennium 2024–2026 (decision 93/95).

## **2. Overview of current monitoring, reporting, verification and enforceable licensing and quota systems developed with support from the Multilateral Fund**

23. The Executive Committee continued its discussion of the overview of current monitoring, reporting, verification and enforceable licensing and quota systems developed with support from the Multilateral Fund, which it had begun at the 83rd meeting.<sup>13</sup> At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee considered document prepared by the Secretariat<sup>14</sup> and a draft decision submitted by one member. Following an exchange of views, the Committee decided to note the documents on the subject for the 93rd, 91st and 89th meetings<sup>15</sup> and to note with appreciation the work of the Secretariat in preparing them (decision 93/96).

## **3. Life-cycle refrigerant management pursuant to decision XXXV/11**

24. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee discussed life-cycle refrigerant management, pursuant to decision XXXV/11, when the issue was raised under other matters. It requested the Secretariat to prepare, for the 97th meeting, a report providing an overview of the report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the outcomes of the workshop held in line with decision XXXV/11 of the Thirty Fifth Meeting of the Parties and an overview of the status of implementation and preliminary outcomes of the projects submitted under Executive Committee decision 91/66<sup>16</sup> with a view to enabling the Committee to consider the establishment of a funding window in line with decision XXXV/11 (decision 93/104).

## **4. Due-diligence framework for the receipt of non-governmental funding**

25. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the issue of a due-diligence framework for the receipt of non-governmental funding when the issue was raised under other matters. A member of the Executive Committee introduced a draft decision requesting the Secretariat to prepare a paper with preliminary views on a due-diligence framework for non-governmental organizations that might offer to provide funds to the Multilateral Fund. Given that there were differing views on the appropriateness of the timing of such a discussion, the member withdrew the proposal, saying that his delegation would consider presenting it again at a future meeting.

<sup>13</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/83/38.

<sup>14</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/102.

<sup>15</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/102, UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/91/69 and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/89/3.

<sup>16</sup> On, inter alia, establishment of a funding window for the preparation of national inventories of banks of used or unwanted controlled substances and a plan for the collection, transport and disposal of such substances, including consideration of recycling, reclamation and cost-effective destruction.

## 5. Results framework and scorecard for the operations of the Multilateral Fund

26. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee approved a results framework and a scorecard<sup>17</sup> for the Multilateral Fund and the format of the scorecard as annexed to the report of that meeting.<sup>18</sup> It requested the Secretariat to start the implementation of the first results framework in 2024, to provide a midterm progress report on that implementation at the second meeting of 2025 and to communicate progress in implementation through a scorecard at the second meeting of 2027, together with ideas for updating the indicators (decision 93/97).

## 6. Streamlining of reporting on project progress across spectrum of reports

27. At the 93rd meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to to prepare, for consideration at the 95th meeting, a document on the mapping of reporting requirements and the streamlining of reporting on progress across the spectrum of reports, taking into account the ongoing development of the knowledge management system (decision 93/1).

## 7. Sub-group on the Production Sector

28. The Sub-group on the Production Sector met twice on the margins of the 93rd meeting [and ??? times on the margins of the 94th meeting], producing a report for consideration at each meeting.<sup>19</sup> At the 93rd meeting the Executive Committee adopted a series of decisions on the basis of the Sub-group's recommendations. The Committee took note of the addendums to the 2019, 2020, and 2021 verification reports of the HCFC production sector in China, submitted by the World Bank (decision 93/98). It also took note of the 2022 verification report of the HCFC production sector in China including an update related to one enterprise, and the measures proposed by the Government of China to further strengthen the management of HCFC production for feedstock use. The Committee noted that the Government of China would revise its Article 7 data for HCFCs to reflect the changes identified in the 2022 annual production verification report. The Committee requested the World Bank to continue including, in annual production verification reports, information on HCFCs captured from high-boiling residue as a mixture of HCFCs or a single component and subsequently sold or used for controlled or feedstock use. It requested the Government of China to submit a report to the 94th meeting relating to the reporting of HCFCs captured from high-boiling residue under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol. The World bank was requested to include, in the 2023 verification to be undertaken in 2024, the additional verification of production lines that produced HCFCs for feedstock use.<sup>20</sup> The Committee provided the World Bank, on an exceptional basis, with a one-time payment of US \$50,000 in support of verifications of HCFC tonnage of lines owned by enterprises that were not included in the HCFC production phase-out management plan (HPPMP) (decision 93/99).

29. On matters related to HFC-23, the Executive Committee invited the Government of China, through the World Bank, to submit, at the 95th meeting, an update on the technical guidelines being developed by the Government of China for reporting on HFC-23 generation and emissions and a description of the methodology used to report that generation and those emissions under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol; an update containing the most recent information on HFC-23 generation, destruction and emissions in China and any relevant regulatory or implementation updates; and analysis that would clarify the discrepancy between Article 7 reporting and the 2021 and 2022 verification reports. The Secretariat was requested to engage with the World Bank and provide further analysis at the 95th meeting on the mass balance emissions estimates compared with Article 7 reporting (decision 93/100).

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<sup>17</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/103.

<sup>18</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/105, annex LXIV.

<sup>19</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/104 [and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/??].

<sup>20</sup> As contained in annex I to document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/104/Rev.1.

30. The Executive Committee noted with appreciation the annual reports on the investigation of HCFC feedstock applications in China for 2019 to 2022, submitted by the Government of China through the World Bank,<sup>21</sup> and invited the Government of China, through the World Bank, to continue to submit annual investigation reports of HCFC feedstock applications undertaken under the country’s HPPMP, to the last meeting of the respective year (decision 93/101).

31. In relation to the draft updated guidelines and the standard format used for the verification of ODS production phase-out, the Executive Committee decided upon a definition of a “vertically integrated facility”<sup>22</sup> and approved the updated guidelines and the standard format used for the verification of ODS production phase-out.<sup>23</sup> It took note of the fact that the Secretariat’s review of verification reports submitted in line with the updated guidelines might be delayed owing to the need to compare the verified production data with the data submitted under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol. It also noted that, in line with the Agreement between the Government of China and the Executive Committee for stage II of the HPPMP, the World Bank might require additional funding for the verification of production lines beyond those for which tonnage had been included in the Agreement. The Executive Committee would consider the need for such additional funding on a case-by-case basis (decision 93/102).

32. [At the 94th meeting...]

**C. Projects, implementation, and monitoring**

**1. Approvals made during the reporting period**

33. During the reporting period, the Executive Committee approved a total of ??? additional projects and activities, with a planned phase-out of ??? ODP tonnes of production and consumption of HCFCs and ??? metric tonnes (??? CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent tonnes) of consumption of HFCs, amounting to US \$???, including US \$??? in agency support costs, as per table 1 below.

Table 1  
**Funds approved by agency during the reporting period**

Agency	Funds approved (US \$)	Agency support costs (US \$)	Total (US \$)
Bilateral	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>
UNDP	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>
UNEP	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>
UNIDO	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>
World Bank	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>	<i>To be completed</i>

<sup>21</sup> As contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/SGP/5 of the Sub-group on the Production Sector.

<sup>22</sup> “A vertically integrated facility is a facility that includes one or more production lines that produce ODS that are used exclusively as raw materials in the manufacture of other chemicals in a downstream process that is exclusively owned, operated and controlled by the same legal entity, including the legal entities within the same group. The vertically integrated facility may also purchase ODS to supplement those produced from the in-house production line(s) as long as the quantities of such supplementary ODS are monitored and reported clearly. A vertically integrated facility must also have the following features: (i) ODS produced in a vertically integrated facility are intended exclusively for use as feedstock in the downstream production process. The vertically integrated facility may also sell or transfer ODS, if there is surplus due to unforeseen plant closures or shutdowns, as long as it is exclusively sold for feedstock uses; In such a case, the Government concerned would inform the Executive Committee to ensure that the any such sales or transfers from the facility are included in the annual verification; (ii) the design capacity of the downstream production processes must be compatible with or larger than the capacity of the upstream line(s) producing ODS; and (iii) a monitoring and reporting mechanism must be in place to ensure that all ODS produced by the integrated facility are used exclusively as feedstock in the manufacture of other chemicals in the downstream production process.”

<sup>23</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/104/Rev.1, annex II.

34. At the 93rd [and 94th meetings], after consideration of the documents on projects recommended for blanket approval<sup>24</sup> and the documents on projects recommended for individual consideration,<sup>25</sup> the Executive Committee approved projects and activities as summarized below.

**(a) Investment projects**

HPMPs and HPPMPs

35. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee approved tranches of stage II and stage III of HPMPs for 19 countries (decisions 93/36, 93/49 to 93/53), the first tranche of stage II of the HPMPs for three countries (decisions 93/42, 93/44 and 93/46) and the first tranche of stage III of the HPMPs for three countries (decisions 93/43, 93/45 and 93/47).

36. The Executive Committee approved the individual project proposals pertaining to additional activities for the introduction of alternatives to HCFCs with low- or zero GWP and for maintaining energy efficiency in the refrigeration servicing sector in 10 countries (decision 93/36).

37. [At the 94th meeting]

HFC-related projects

38. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee approved, in principle, stage I of the KIPs for 23 countries, also approving the first funding tranche under each (decisions 93/54 to 93/76).

39. Also at the 93rd meeting, the Committee approved, for one country, two HFC investment projects that were to be included in that country's future KIP (decisions 93/77 and 93/78). Consideration of a third project for the same country was deferred to a future meeting so that a revised proposal could be submitted.

40. At the 93rd meeting, on pilot projects related to maintaining or enhancing energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the context of HFC phase-down, the Committee approved two investment projects for one country (decisions 93/89 and 93/90) and nine non-investment projects for nine countries (decisions 93/79 to 93/87). A third investment pilot project for another country was not approved (decision 93/88).

41. [At the 94th meeting]

**(b) Non-investment activities**

42. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee approved all but one of the funding requests. The requests were for funding for preparation of stages II and III of HPMPs, preparation of KIPs and/or investment-related activities, renewal of institutional strengthening projects, additional activities to maintain energy efficiency in the servicing sector, preparation for a pilot project on energy efficiency and preparation of a national inventory of banks of waste controlled substances and the development of a plan, and they were presented in the documents on bilateral cooperation<sup>26</sup> and the 2023 work programme amendments of UNDP,<sup>27</sup> UNEP,<sup>28</sup> UNIDO<sup>29</sup> and the World Bank<sup>30</sup>(decisions 93/36 and 93/38 to 93/41). The request that was not approved was for the preparation of a global pilot project to demonstrate the use

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<sup>24</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/33 [and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/16].

<sup>25</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/34 [and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/17].

<sup>26</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/32.

<sup>27</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/35.

<sup>28</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/36.

<sup>29</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/37.

<sup>30</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/38.



of digital monitoring and management tools to enhance energy efficiency, and it was deferred to the 94th meeting to enable a revised proposal to be submitted (decision 93/37).

43. [At the 94th meeting]

**(c) 2024 UNEP Compliance Assistance Programme budget**

44. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee noted the 2023 progress report, the proposed three-year strategy for 2024–2026 and the 2024 work plan and budget for the UNEP CAP.<sup>31</sup> The Executive Committee approved the CAP activities and budget for 2024 as annexed to the report of that meeting,<sup>32</sup> in the amount of US \$10,631,200, plus agency support costs of 8 per cent amounting to US \$850,496, which included an increase in line with decision 93/95 (see paragraph 22). Furthermore, it requested UNEP to submit a final report detailing lessons learned from the implementation of the first phase of the global technical assistance project for the twinning of national ozone officers and national energy-efficiency policymakers to support the Kigali Amendment objectives when submitting the second phase of the project at the second meeting in 2024 (decision 93/91).

**(d) Core unit costs for UNDP, UNIDO and the World Bank**

45. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee approved the 2024 core unit budgets for UNDP, UNIDO and the World Bank,<sup>33</sup> which included an increase in line with decision 93/95 (see paragraph 22) (decision 93/92).

**2. Implementation and reporting**

**(a) Country programme data and prospects for compliance**

46. At the 93rd meeting<sup>34</sup> [and the 94th meeting,<sup>35</sup>] the Executive Committee considered documents on country programme data and prospects for compliance. At the 93rd meeting, it requested the relevant implementing agencies to continue assisting the respective Governments in clarifying the discrepancies between their country programme and Article 7 data for 2022. The Secretariat was requested to send letter to six countries regarding outstanding country programme data report and to provide options for consideration at the 96th meeting, for potential modifications to section D of the reporting format, specifically in relation to HFC-23 generated, destroyed or maintained as stocks, taking into consideration any decision taken by the Meeting of the Parties (decision 93/7).

47. [At the 94th meeting...]

**(b) Tranche submission delays**

48. At the 93rd meeting<sup>36</sup> [and the 94th meeting,<sup>37</sup>] the Executive Committee considered reports on tranche submission delays and requested the Secretariat to send letters to the relevant Governments regarding the decisions on tranche submission delays contained in relevant annexes to the reports of those meetings.<sup>38</sup> It nevertheless noted that relevant implementing agencies had indicated that the late submission of the tranches of HPMPs due for submission would have no impact on countries' compliance with the

<sup>31</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/94.

<sup>32</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/105, annex LXI.

<sup>33</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/95.

<sup>34</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/8.

<sup>35</sup> [UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/5]

<sup>36</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/24.

<sup>37</sup> [UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/13]

<sup>38</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/105, annex IX, [and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/??, annex ???].

Montreal Protocol and that there was no indication that any of the countries concerned were in non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol control measures (decisions 93/27 [and 94/??]).

**(c) Progress reports**

49. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee noted the consolidated progress report of the Multilateral Fund as at 31 December 2022.<sup>39</sup> It also noted the progress reports, as at 31 December 2022, of the bilateral agencies<sup>40</sup> (the Governments of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Spain), UNDP,<sup>41</sup> UNEP,<sup>42</sup> UNIDO<sup>43</sup> and the World Bank.<sup>44</sup> For all the progress reports, it approved the recommendations related to ongoing projects with specific issues that were contained in relevant annexes to the report of the meeting,<sup>45</sup> in addition to taking a number of other actions, such as the extension of the completion dates of projects, the cancellation of projects and the transfer of projects from one implementing agency to another (decisions 93/11 to 93/16).

**(d) Status reports and reports on projects with specific reporting requirements**

50. At the 93rd meeting<sup>46</sup> [and 94th meeting,<sup>47</sup>] the Executive Committee considered documents containing status reports and reports on projects with specific reporting requirements.

51. At the 93rd meeting, the projects for which there were no outstanding policy, cost or other issues related to HPMPs for five countries, additional activities to maintain energy efficiency for one country, an HFC-related project for one country, a methyl bromide critical-use exemption for one country and a global chiller replacement project in one country, and [at the 94th meeting, for the projects ...], the Committee took note of the reports and information provided and agreed on a number of actions, including the extension of a project's completion date, and requested other actions from countries and implementing agencies (decisions 93/17 to 93/21 [and 94/...]).

52. At the 93rd meeting, the HPMPs for Brazil, Libya and Mauritania and a project in Argentina to control emissions of HFC-23 generated in the production of HCFC-22 were considered individually. Noting the reports, the Executive Committee requested UNDP to continue assisting the Government of Brazil in securing the supply of alternative low-GWP technologies and to provide, as part of the request for the following stage II tranche, a report on the status of temporary use of high-GWP alternatives, along with an update from the suppliers on the progress made towards ensuring that the selected technologies were available on a commercial basis in the country (decision 93/22). The Committee decided to cancel the project for the conversion of foam manufacturing at the enterprise Al Najam planned under stage I of the HPMP for Libya and requested UNIDO to return the funding balance (decision 93/23). UNEP was requested to continue assisting the Government of Mauritania in strengthening its licensing and quota system and its systems for recording imports and exports and to report thereon at the 95th meeting (decision 93/24).

53. [At the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting...]

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<sup>39</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/14.

<sup>40</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/15.

<sup>41</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/16.

<sup>42</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/17.

<sup>43</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/18.

<sup>44</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/19.

<sup>45</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/105, annexes III to VII.

<sup>46</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/20 and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/21.

<sup>47</sup> [UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/9 and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/10]

**(e) Consolidated project completion reports**

54. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee considered the 2023 consolidated project completion report (PCR) (part II)<sup>48</sup> and noted that the submission of a PCR for technical assistance for verification reports would no longer be required from 2024 onwards. [At the 94th meeting ...] [At each meeting,] it requested bilateral and implementing agencies to submit, at the subsequent meeting, outstanding PCRs for MYAs and individual projects or to provide reasons for failing to do so. Lead and cooperating implementing agencies were requested to continue coordinating closely their work in finalizing their respective portions of PCRs to facilitate the timely submission of the reports by the lead implementing agency, and bilateral and implementing agencies were requested to ensure the inclusion of relevant and useful information, including gender information, and the reporting of lessons learned and the reasons for delays in project implementation for their use in future improvements in project design and implementation. All those involved in the preparation and implementation of MYAs and individual projects were invited to take into consideration the lessons learned from PCRs, where applicable (decisions 93/25 [and 94/???]).

**3. Evaluation****(a) Performance of implementing agencies**

55. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee noted the evaluation of the performance of implementing agencies against their 2022 business plans.<sup>49</sup> All implementing agencies had a quantitative assessment of their performance for 2022 of at least 86 on a scale of 100, and the quantitative performance UNIDO and the World Bank in 2022 had improved compared with 2021. Trend analysis indicated, however, that, in 2022, the performance of implementing agencies, for some indicators, had not improved compared with 2021. The Committee noted the efforts undertaken by bilateral and implementing agencies to have open and constructive discussions with the respective NOUs about the areas in which their services were perceived to be less than satisfactory and that the outcome of their consultations with the NOUs concerned had also been satisfactory. The Committee requested UNDP to hold such discussions with the NOU of the Dominican Republic and to report thereon at the 94th meeting. The Executive Committee encouraged NOUs to submit, on a yearly basis and in a timely manner, their assessments of the qualitative performance of the bilateral and implementing agencies in assisting their governments.

56. The Committee decided to modify the performance indicators that had been established in decision 71/28 for application as of the 2025–2027 business plans (decision 93/8).

57. [At the 94th meeting...]

**(b) Ongoing evaluation work**

58. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee took note of the progress update report on the external assessment of the evaluation of the Multilateral Fund<sup>50</sup> and the progress update report on the review of project completion reports.<sup>51</sup> It approved the terms of reference for the desk study for the evaluation of the UNEP Compliance Assistance Programme<sup>52</sup> (decision 93/9).

59. [At the 94th meeting...]

<sup>48</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/22.

<sup>49</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/9.

<sup>50</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/10.

<sup>51</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/11.

<sup>52</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/12/Rev.1.

**(c) Monitoring and evaluation work programme 2024–2025**

60. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee approved the monitoring and evaluation work programme for 2024–2025<sup>53</sup> and the related budget. For the year 2025, it selected three thematic evaluations and requested the Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer to prepare the corresponding terms of reference for consideration by the Executive Committee at the 95th and the 96th meetings (decision 93/10).

**D. Business planning and financial matters**

**1. Business planning**

61. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee considered an update on the status of implementation of the consolidated business plan of the Multilateral Fund for 2023–2025,<sup>54</sup> noting the total value of the activities submitted to the 93rd meeting. It decided to allow, on an exceptional basis, bilateral and implementing agencies to submit, during 2024, projects for the preparation of national inventories of banks of waste-controlled substances under the funding window established pursuant to decision 91/66, even in cases where such projects had not been included in the agencies' business plans (decision 93/26).

62. Also at the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee considered the consolidated business plan of the Multilateral Fund for 2024–2026.<sup>55</sup> After making a number of adjustments, it endorsed the consolidated business plan for 2024–2026, noting that endorsement did not denote approval of the projects identified therein or their funding or tonnage levels (decision 93/28). The Committee also considered the 2024–2026 business plans of the bilateral agencies (Government of Germany),<sup>56</sup> UNDP,<sup>57</sup> UNEP,<sup>58</sup> UNIDO<sup>59</sup> and the World Bank.<sup>60</sup> Noting the plans, it approved the performance indicators for UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank set out in the relevant annexes to the report of that meeting<sup>61</sup> (decisions 93/29 to 93/33).

63. [At the 94th meeting...]

**2. Financial matters**

**(a) Status of the Multilateral Fund**

64. As at [31 May 2024], the total income to the Multilateral Fund, including cash payments, promissory notes held, bilateral contributions, interest earned and miscellaneous income, amounted to US \$???. and total allocations, including provisions, amounted to US \$???. The balance available therefore amounted to US \$???.<sup>62</sup>

**(b) Contributions and disbursements, balances and resources and accounts and budgets**

65. At the 93rd meeting, the Executive Committee considered the report of the Treasurer on the status of contributions and disbursements,<sup>63</sup> the report on balances and availability of resources,<sup>64</sup> the final 2022

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<sup>53</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/13/Rev.1.

<sup>54</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/23.

<sup>55</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/25.

<sup>56</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/26.

<sup>57</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/27.

<sup>58</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/28.

<sup>59</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/29.

<sup>60</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/30.

<sup>61</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/105, annexes X, XI, XII and XIII.

<sup>62</sup> [UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/3, annex I.]

<sup>63</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/3 and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/105, annex I.

<sup>64</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/4.

accounts of the Multilateral Fund<sup>65</sup> and the reconciliation of the 2022 accounts,<sup>66</sup> requesting related action from the Parties, implementing agencies, the Treasurer and the Chief Officer (decisions 93/2 to 93/5). It also considered<sup>67</sup> the approved 2024 and 2025 and proposed 2026 budgets of the Fund Secretariat and approved a revised 2024 budget, a revised 2025 budget and the proposed 2026 budget of the Fund Secretariat (decision 93/6).

66. [At the 94th meeting...]

67. At the 93rd [and 94th] meetings, the Executive Committee requested the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the meeting in question against the bilateral contributions of the relevant governments (decisions 93/35 and 94/???)

**E. Secretariat activities**

68. At the 93rd meeting<sup>68</sup> and 94th meeting,<sup>69</sup> the Executive Committee considered the reports on the activities undertaken by the Secretariat since the previous meeting. [Both meetings were presented with the progress made in the development of the knowledge management systems, in particular ...]

**II. Achievements of the Multilateral Fund since its inception<sup>70</sup>**

69. By the 94th meeting, since 1991, ??? projects and activities (excluding cancelled and transferred projects) had been approved. The total amount of ODS to be eliminated through implementation of those projects amounted to ??? ODP tonnes, of which a total of ??? ODP tonnes had already been phased out (involving both consumption and production). In addition, ??? metric tonnes (??? CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent tonnes) of consumption of HFC were approved for phase-down and ??? metric tonnes (??? CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent tonnes) had been phased down. The geographical and sectoral distribution of phase-out in all approved projects and activities and funds approved since inception is shown in the table 2 below.

Table 2  
Phase-out and funds approved by region and sector since inception of the Multilateral Fund

Description	Number of projects*	Consumption ODP tonnes approved for ODS related projects*	Consumption ODP tonnes phased out for ODS related projects*	Consumption metric tonnes approved for HFC related projects**	Consumption metric tonnes phased out for HFC related projects**	Production ODP tonnes approved*	Production ODP tonnes phased out*	Funds approved* (US \$)
<b>Region</b>								
Africa	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Asia and the Pacific	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Europe	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Latin America and the Caribbean	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Global	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
<b>Sector</b>								
Aerosol	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Destruction	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed

<sup>65</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/5.

<sup>66</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/6.

<sup>67</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/7.

<sup>68</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/2.

<sup>69</sup> [UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/2.]

<sup>70</sup> Refers only to projects approved and funded by regular contributions.

Description	Number of projects*	Consumption ODP tonnes approved for ODS related projects*	Consumption ODP tonnes phased out for ODS related projects*	Consumption metric tonnes approved for HFC related projects**	Consumption metric tonnes phased out for HFC related projects**	Production ODP tonnes approved*	Production ODP tonnes phased out*	Funds approved* (US \$)
Foam	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Fumigant	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Halon	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
KIP	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Multi-sector	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Other	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Process agent	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Phase-out plan	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Production	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Refrigeration	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Several	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Solvent	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
Sterilant	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
<b>Total</b>	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed

\* Excluding cancelled and transferred projects and including agency support costs, where applicable.

\*\* ??? CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent tonnes of consumption has been approved for phase-down and ??? CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent tonnes of consumption had been phased down.

70. The total funding approved by the Executive Committee since 1991 to achieve ODS phase-out and HFC phase-down amounts to US \$??? including US \$??? in agency support costs (excluding cancelled and transferred projects). Of the total project funds approved, the amounts allocated to, and disbursed by, the bilateral agencies and each of the implementing agencies, are shown in table 3 below.

Table 3  
Funds approved and disbursed by agency since inception of the Multilateral Fund

Agency	Funds approved* (US \$)	Agency support costs* (US \$)	Funds disbursed** (US \$)
Bilateral	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
UNDP	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
UNEP	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
UNIDO	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
World Bank	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed
<b>Total</b>	To be completed	To be completed	To be completed

\* As ??? (excluding cancelled and transferred projects).

\*\* As ??? (excluding cancelled and transferred projects).