To,

The Chief Office:

Secretariat Of The Multilateral Fund for The Montreal Protocol
1800 McGill College
27th Floor
Montreal, Canada H3A 3J6

Subject: CP / RMP for State of Kuwait
2002 - 2010

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith the Country Program and Refrigerant Management Plan of State of Kuwait for the consideration and approval of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol.

Kuwait adhered to the Protocol on the 23rd November 1992 and became a Party on 21st February 1993. It is classified as operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol.

I would like to place on record the appreciation of the Government of Kuwait for the assistance extended to it through the UNEP DTIE OzonActors Programme for the preparation of the Country Programme which started during May 2001. I am pleased to say that the Government is committed to the implementation of the actions contained in this National Strategy.

I further assert that it is the Government's intention to monitor compliance with the Protocol. If necessary, further and different actions from those specified in the National Strategy will be updated and submitted to the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund.

We hope that the Executive Committee will approve the request for assistance made in respect of the following actions:

A) Institutional Strengthening & Capacity building - Establishing of Ozone Unit

B) Refrigerant Management Plan

1) Training of The Customs Officers in Monitoring of ODS.
2) Training Program on Good Refrigerant Management Practice.
3) National Recovery And Recycling Project.
4) Training on Hydrocarbons (HC) Refrigerant safe handling and HCs based equipment operation and maintenance.

5) Monitoring Of RMP

C) Establishing Halon Bank, Bilateral project with GTZ.

D) Replacement of non-CFC chillers by non-CFC alternatives.

Concerning the Refrigerant Management Plan, it is based on a full survey of CFC consumption in all sub-sectors, and presents the government phase-out strategy developed based on this information. It also includes the commitment by the government of Kuwait to set up the required regulatory framework for the effective implementation of activities to phase out the use of CFC refrigerants.

The RMP will ensure the achievement, without further requests for funding, at least the 50% reduction step in 2005 and the 85% reduction step in 2007. Imports will be restricted, if necessary to achieve compliance with the reduction steps and to support RMP activities.

The RMP contains the current and forecast future consumption in relation to the freeze, 50% cut in 2005, 85% cut in 2007 and phase-out in 2010 and calculates the size of consumption cuts in the refrigeration sector required to meet these targets.

The current and expected future consumption of all sub-sectors, including the informal sector, small and medium-sized enterprises and mobile air conditioners are included.

For each activity identified, is included the cost and means of funding, including national financing. (Except for the projects that will be developed at later stages as mentioned in the CP/RMP).
It includes adequate provision for monitoring and reporting on progress, a commitment to annual reporting of progress in implementing the RMP and meeting the reduction steps.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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