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PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION DELAYS

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Overview

1. This document is submitted as a follow-up to decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Committee concerning projects with implementation delays. The reports from the implementing and bilateral agencies on projects with implementation delays are available to Executive Committee members upon request.

2. This document is divided into three sections. Section I addresses the projects with implementation delays for which reports were requested by the Executive Committee. Section II addresses projects for which additional status reports were requested by the Executive Committee. Section III considers a project proposed for possible cancellation at the 48th Meeting and the impact of the cancelled project on compliance.

Section I: Projects with implementation delays

3. Fifty-five ongoing projects have been classified as projects with implementation delays. Projects with implementation delays are: i) projects expected to be completed more than 12 months late; and/or, ii) projects where disbursement does not occur within 18 months of the project's approval. Based on reports received from implementing and bilateral agencies, the breakdown of projects with implementation delays is as follows: the World Bank: 13; UNEP: 13; UNIDO: 12; UNDP: 10; France: 5; Germany: 1; Sweden: 1. Italy did not submit a report on its one delayed project for Serbia and Montenegro.

4. Table 1 reflects the causes of implementation delays provided in the agencies' reports. Implementing and bilateral agencies identified the causes for implementation delays associated with these projects based on seven categories (A to G). The total number of causes for delay exceeds the number of delayed projects because in some projects there were multiple causes for delay in implementation. Table 1 indicates that delays are most commonly caused by factors associated with the beneficiary enterprise (19) and implementing agencies (8).

Table 1**CATEGORIES OF CAUSES OF IMPLEMENTATION DELAYS, BY AGENCY**

Category		France	Germany	World Bank	Sweden	UNDP	UNEP	UNIDO	Total
A	Implementing or Executing Agencies	2		4		2			8
B	Beneficiary Enterprise	2		10		2		5	19
C	Technical Reasons			1				3	4
D	Government			3		3		1	7
E	External			6		1			7
F	Executive Committee Decisions								0
G	Not Applicable	1	1			4		5	11
N/A	Not Available				1		13		14

Progress in resolving causes of delays

5. In their reports the implementing and bilateral agencies indicated that there have been varying degrees of progress in overcoming delays. Fourteen of the projects listed with delays at

the 47th Meeting have now been completed, and two projects have either experienced progress from one milestone to another or their implementation delay has been removed. These projects may be removed from future reporting under projects with implementation delays.

Projects with some progress

6. Thirty-three projects were classified as showing some progress, and the implementing and bilateral agencies indicated that the projects would continue to be monitored. Notwithstanding progress, it should be noted that projects approved over three years ago must continue to be monitored pursuant to decision 32/4 and therefore cannot be removed from the list for monitoring prior to their final completion regardless of the extent to which progress may have been achieved.

Projects with no progress—letter of possible cancellation

7. The projects for which no progress is being reported for the first time are indicated in Table 2. No progress could be detected from UNEP's reports on the projects it has listed in Table 2, although UNEP classified these projects as having experienced some progress. For a consistent assessment, the Fund Secretariat re-classified these project from some progress to no progress. Under the existing procedures, the Fund Secretariat will send notices of possible cancellation for the UNEP and UNIDO projects that are classified below as having shown no progress.

Table 2

PROJECTS WITH NO PROGRESS

Agency	Code	Project Title	Net Approved Funds (US\$)	Funds Disbursed (US\$)
UNEP	BGD/PHA/42/TAS/18	National ODS phase-out plan: public awareness and information dissemination to main stakeholders (2004 work programme) in Bangladesh	30,000	0
UNEP	BGD/PHA/42/TRA/16	National ODS phase-out plan: training and certification programme for refrigeration service technicians, including development of a code of good practices (2004 work programme) in Bangladesh	39,500	0
UNEP	GLO/ARS/39/TAS/246	Development of guidelines to promote safety aerosol conversions	52,000	25,000
UNEP	GLO/SEV/39/TAS/247	Assistance for regional awareness raising	200,000	101,651
UNEP	KEN/SEV/37/TAS/29	Policy and technical assistance in Kenya	10,000	8,000
UNIDO	BHE/FOA/39/INV/15	Phase-out of CFC-11 by conversion to n-pentane in the manufacture of rigid foam products for insulating purposes at Stirokart Co. in Bosnia and Herzegovina	364,650	304,450

Section II: Projects for which additional status reports were requested

8. While institutional strengthening, halon banking, customs training, recovery and recycling, and demonstration projects are not subject to procedures for project cancellation, the Executive Committee has nevertheless decided to continue to monitor them as appropriate (decision 36/14 (b)). Of the eight reports requested, implementing agencies indicated progress in four of the projects. Additional status reports are requested at the 49th Meeting for the projects listed in Table 3.

Table 3

ADDITIONAL STATUS REPORTS REQUESTED

Code	Agency	Project Title	Comments
IND/HAL/32/TAS/281	Australia	National halon management and banking programme in India	At the 47 th Meeting, the Committee requested an additional status report to track the progress of the implementation of the action plan to reactivate the project. Australia indicated that it had not received the report from India. Therefore, the Executive Committee may wish to request the report to be submitted to the 49 th Meeting.
IND/HAL/32/TAS/278	Canada	National halon management and banking programme in India	The same comment for Australia applies since the project is jointly implemented by both bilateral agencies.
AFR/HAL/35/TAS/29	Germany	Establishment of a regional halon bank for Eastern and Southern African countries (Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe)	Germany reported that discussions were ongoing with respect to the choice of an operator for the halon reclamation equipment. Therefore, the Executive Committee may wish to request an additional status report on this project.
AFR/HAL/37/TAS/31	UNDP	Sectoral phase out programme: establishing a regional halon bank for West and Central Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Congo DR, and Guinea)	UNDP indicated that it was still awaiting receipt from some of the participating countries of the final strategic national recycling plans and that there had been no progress on the project. Therefore, the Executive Committee may wish to request a formal report on the project to be submitted to the 49 th Meeting.

Section III: Project proposed for possible cancellation at the 48th Meeting and the impact of the cancelled project on compliance

9. The World Bank has requested to cancel the multi-year project “Phase-out of all remaining uses of methyl bromide in soil application pest control in Chile”. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat on this issue are found in the Report on implementation of approved projects with specific reporting requirements (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/48/18).

RECOMMENDATIONS

10. The Executive Committee may wish to consider:

- (a) Noting with appreciation the additional status reports and the reports on projects with implementation delays submitted to the Secretariat by Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Sweden and the four implementing agencies as contained in the document on project implementation delays (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/48/16);
- (b) Noting that the Secretariat and implementing agencies would take established actions according to the Secretariat's assessments (progress, some progress, or no progress) and report to and notify governments and implementing agencies as required;
- (c) Requesting that the Government of Italy submit a report on implementation delays at the 49th Meeting.
- (d) Noting the completion of 14 out of the 56 projects listed with implementation delays;
- (e) Noting that letters of possible cancellation should be sent for the following projects:

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UNEP	BGD/PHA/42/TAS/18	National ODS phase-out plan: public awareness and information dissemination to main stakeholders (2004 work programme) in Bangladesh
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- (f) Noting the recommendations of the Fund Secretariat on the issue concerning the cancellation of the multi-year project "Phase-out of all remaining uses of methyl bromide in soil application pest control in Chile" implemented by the World Bank, as presented in the Report on implementation of approved projects with specific reporting requirements (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/48/18).
