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**STATUS REPORT ON THE PROCESS FOR CONTRACTING A CONSULTANT
TO CARRY OUT THE STUDY ON THE TREATMENT OF UNWANTED
OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES (FOLLOW UP TO DECISION 50/42(e))**

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1. The Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties, in its Decision XVIII/9 regarding “Review of draft terms of reference for case studies called for under Decision XVII/17 on environmentally sound destruction of ozone-depleting substances”, requested the Executive Committee to conduct, as soon as possible, a study and to provide a progress report to the Nineteenth Meeting of Parties, with a final report for consideration at the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.
2. The 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee further developed the existing draft terms of reference and requested, in its decision 50/42, the Multilateral Fund Secretariat to develop specific terms of reference for a study on the treatment of unwanted ozone-depleting substances, to identify a contractor and to commission the study by the end of March 2007, if possible. The study would be completed by 1 February 2008. In this decision, the Executive Committee requested further that the Secretariat report to the 51st Meeting of the Executive Committee on the status of the process for contracting a consultant for carrying out the study.
3. The Secretariat has established the necessary administrative procedures to undertake a major consultancy contract. Given the expected size of the contract, the tendering process to be followed requires the involvement of UNON. The bid needs to remain open for at least six weeks to provide the interested companies with the possibility to prepare a well founded bid. The Secretariat has established detailed terms of reference on the basis of the terms of reference agreed by the Executive Committee as part of decision 50/42. These extended terms of reference are available upon request. All administrative issues regarding the request for tenders have been clarified, and the documentation has been sent to five companies known to have been working in the field of international environmental agreements and their implementation.
4. The tenders are expected by 16 April, and the awarding of the contract will likely take place in May, well in the overall time plan. Before the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee the outline of the study and a work plan should be available, which will form the basis for the report to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties as requested by the Parties.
