Addendum

PROJECT PROPOSAL: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

This document is issued to:

- Replace “Pending” in the Secretariat’s recommendation on page 2 with “For individual consideration”.

- Replace paragraphs 19 to 22 with the following paragraphs:

19. UNIDO was not in a position to submit a detailed Government supported action plan for achieving zero CFC consumption by 1 January 2008 before the issuance of this document. This and a number of other issues explained in earlier paragraphs present an obstacle for approval of the third tranche, since the conditions necessary for approval have not been fulfilled, in particular the completion of the previous years programme and an annual implementation plan for this year reflecting the challenges. On the other hand, the imminent phase-out obligation may suggest seeking a way forward to facilitate both a rapid availability of funds for urgent activities and to provide positive incentives while still ensuring that critical implementation issues are being addressed. This may suggest approval of the third tranche with conditions for the release of funds. The release would be linked to indicators representing progress regarding removal of major barriers, all of which should have been fulfilled prior to submission of this tranche request.
20. The Secretariat identified the following major barriers for Bosnia and Herzegovina to achieve a full phase-out by the end of this year, which should all have been addressed under the previous tranche request:

(a) The lack of a Government supported plan on how to address various implementation difficulties to enable the phase-out objectives to be achieved;

(b) The lack of awareness of customs officers of the need to control ODS;

(c) The lack of detailed regulations allowing full implementation of the ozone legislation published on 15 May 2007; and

(d) The lack of implementation of a number of activities from previous annual plans, in particular those for the refrigeration servicing sector.

RECOMMENDATION

21. Based on the comments above, the Executive Committee might wish to:

(a) Consider:

(i) Not approving funds for the third tranche of the national phase-out plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina, and

(ii) Requesting UNIDO to provide a status report to the 54th Meeting on the progress made in preparing an action plan and the training of customs officers; or

(b) Consider:

(i) Approving funds for the third tranche of the national phase-out plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the amount of US $303,000, as indicated below, with disbursement contingent on the Secretariat determining based on reports from UNIDO that the following conditions have been fulfilled:

a. Release of US $90,900 upon acceptance of a Government supported action plan targeted to achieve the phase-out objectives in the shortest possible time frame;

b. Release of US $60,600 upon acceptance of a brief report that at least two training courses for customs officers have been carried out, and after reaching the milestone mentioned under paragraph 21(b)(i)(a.);

c. Release of US $75,750 upon acceptance of a report about the establishment of the regulations necessary for the full implementation of the ozone legislation and for a licensing system for import of ODS and ODS-containing equipment, and after reaching the milestone mentioned under paragraph 21(b)(i)(b.); and
d. Release of US $75,750 upon acceptance of an implementation report describing the completion of the activities from previous annual plans, in particular training of refrigeration technicians, provision of tools and other measures in the refrigeration service sector, and after reaching the milestone mentioned under paragraph 21(b)(i)(b.); and

(ii) Requesting UNIDO to provide a status report to the 54th Meeting on the progress made in preparing an action plan, training of customs officers, completing activities in previous annual plans, and on the progress made in fully implementing the ozone legislation.