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COUNTRY PROGRAMME UPDATE: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

1. In response to decision 41/84, calling for the submission of a revised country programme update, UNEP and UNIDO have submitted such a document to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat for information to the 55th Meeting. The country programme update had already been approved at the 41st Meeting.

BACKGROUND

2. A country programme update was prepared by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran with assistance from the Government of Japan and UNEP. This update was submitted to the 41st Meeting for consideration.

3. At that time, the Secretariat raised the issue of discrepancies between country programme data and Article 7 data regarding the consumption of CTC and TCA. The Article 7 baseline consumption figures for these chemicals in the Islamic Republic of Iran were 77 ODP tonnes (CTC) and 8.7 ODP tonnes (TCA), while the average consumption for the same period as indicated in the country programme was 2,057 ODP tonnes (CTC) and 375.6 ODP tonnes (TCA). At that time, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran had approached the Implementation Committee, through the Ozone Secretariat, with a request to change the baseline data for CTC and TCA.

4. In light of this information, the Executive Committee decided, in its decision 41/84, to approve the country programme update for the Islamic Republic of Iran, and to request UNEP and UNIDO to address the issues regarding CTC and TCA data discrepancies, to revise the country programme update document accordingly and to resubmit it to a future meeting of the Executive Committee.

5. At the 41st Meeting, the Executive Committee also approved a National CFC phase-out plan. This was followed by a project for total phase-out of methyl bromide in soil fumigation in olive seedlings, fruit trees, nurseries and others approved at the 47th Meeting and a terminal solvent sector umbrella project submitted to the 50th Meeting, the latter being approved on the understanding that this was the final funding available for the phase-out of ODS in the solvent sector. Finally, at the 52nd Meeting, the Executive Committee also approved a project for the phase-out of CFC consumption in the manufacture of MDIs. With that, the consumption of CFC, CTC, TCA and methyl bromide in the Islamic Republic of Iran has completely been addressed through plans and terminal projects.

6. Subsequent to the 41st Meeting, the request by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Implementation Committee regarding a change of baseline data for CTC and TCA was withdrawn.

SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

7. The submission of the revision to the country programme update to the 55th Meeting removed the related references to very high CTC and TCA consumption and replaced them with the accepted baseline and Article 7 data on CTC and TCA. In conjunction with the approval of the terminal solvent sector umbrella project at the 50th Meeting, targeting specifically the

remaining CTC and TCA in the country, the issues raised by the Secretariat regarding the submission of the country programme update to the 41st Meeting are now obsolete.

RECOMMENDATION

8. The Executive Committee may wish to note that UNEP and UNIDO, on behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, have submitted a revised country programme update document as requested in decision 41/84.
