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PROJECT PROPOSAL: OMAN

This document consists of the comments and recommendation of the Fund Secretariat on the following project proposal:

Phase-out

- Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)

UNIDO

**PROJECT EVALUATION SHEET – MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS
OMAN**

(I) PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY
CFC phase out plan	UNIDO

(II) LATEST ARTICLE 7 DATA (ODP Tonnes)				Year: 2007	
CFC: 10.1	CTC: 0	Halons: 0	MB: 0	TCA: 0	

(III) LATEST COUNTRY PROGRAMME SECTORAL DATA (ODP Tonnes)							Year: 2007						
Substances	Aerosol	Foam	Halon	Refrigeration		Solvent	Process Agent	MDI	Lab Use	Methyl Bromide		Tobacco fluffing	Total Sector Consumption
				Manufacturing	Servicing					QPS	Non QPS		
CFC					10.1								10.1
CTC													0
Halons													0
Methyl Bromide										0.			0
Others													0
TCA													0

(IV) PROJECT DATA			2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Montreal Protocol Consumption Limits		CFC	37.3	37.3	37.3	0.	
Maximum Allowable Consumption (ODP Tonnes)		CFC	35.	25.	20.	0.	
Project Costs (US\$)	UNIDO	Project Costs	305,800.	164,200.			470,000.
		Support Costs	22,935.	12,315.			35,250.
Total Funds Approved in Principle (US\$)		Project Costs	305,800.	164,200.			470,000.
		Support Costs	22,935.	12,315.			35,250.
Total Funds Released by the ExCom (US\$)		Project Costs	305,800.	0.			305,800.
		Support Costs	22,935.	0.			22,935.
Total Funds Requested for Current Year (US\$)		Project Costs			164,200.		164,200.
		Support Costs			12,315.		12,315.

(V) SECRETARIAT'S RECOMMENDATION:	FOR BLANKET APPROVAL
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. On behalf of the Government of Oman, UNIDO has submitted to the 57th Meeting of the Executive Committee the progress report for the first tranche of the terminal phase-out management plan for CFCs (TPMP). UNIDO has also submitted a request for funding for the second work programme at a total cost US \$164,200 plus agency support cost of US \$12,315.

Background

2. The TPMP for Oman was approved in principle at the amount of US \$470,000 plus agency support cost of US \$35,250 for UNIDO by the Executive Committee at its 52nd Meeting, to completely phase out CFC consumption in the country by 2009. At the same meeting, the Executive Committee approved US \$305,800 plus agency support cost of US \$22,935 for the implementation of the first work programme.

Progress report on the implementation of the first tranche of the TPMP

3. The main activities implemented since the approval of the TPMP and up to the end of January 2009 include the provision of two refrigerant identifiers to the Customs Office, purchase of training equipment, completion of a draft harmonized code of good practice for Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, and the provision of 50 sets of service kits to small/medium workshops as well as 10 recovery and recycling units for large end-users. With assistance from UNIDO, the Government also implemented awareness activities specific to the TPMP for the period, including holding dialogues and discussions with various stakeholders as well as initiating work for putting in place a certification scheme for service technicians. The report also provided an explanation for the delays in the implementation of the activities under the annual plan which was mainly due to changes in the institutional responsibility for ozone issues due to the creation of a new ministry that took over the functions of the earlier focal point.

4. At the end of 2008, the project had a remaining balance of US \$102,800 which will be carried over to 2009 to implement the remaining activities from the first tranche.

Plan of action for the second tranche of the TPMP

5. The Government of Oman commits to implementing a number of activities under the second work programme of the TPMP. These include the completion of the training for refrigeration technicians and customs officers, the full implementation of the end-user retrofit and equipment programme as well as the full implementation of the certification programme for refrigeration technicians. The Government also commits to implementing public awareness and will further disseminate information to stakeholders. Monitoring and management of these activities will also continue under the TPMP.

6. Under this annual plan, activities that were not completed under the first tranche were carried forward, and clearly identified. Therefore the annual targets of the annual plan combine the remaining outputs from the first tranche as well as the new activities under the requested second tranche funding.

SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

7. The Secretariat notes that for this period, the Government of Oman met its target reduction of CFCs by more than the required amount. While its allowable maximum consumption for the reporting period was 35 ODP tonnes, its 2007 data submitted under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol shows a consumption of only 10 ODP tonnes which is seventy percent lower than its target. Further, despite the fact that there were delays in project implementation due to the change in the Ministry, the country managed to implement a large percentage of the activities planned. Even though the activities were not fully completed for the period, substantive progress in implementation was shown.

8. The Secretariat also suggested that UNIDO consider in the proposal the review of ODS regulations and actions leading to the control of HCFCs and HCFC-based equipment according to the phase-out schedule agreed at the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties and the availability of alternative technologies.

9. The Secretariat also sought clarification from the implementing agencies on whether the Government of Oman will be able to achieve the complete phase-out of CFCs by the end of 2009 and sustain that level of consumption through the activities proposed in the final tranche of the TPMP. UNIDO reported that, through the last funding tranche, the Government is proposing to intensify awareness and enforcement of the regulations and to completely retrofit or replace the remaining CFC-based refrigeration equipment in operation.

10. The second tranche will cover activities that will be implemented until April 2010, and will include the organisation of the training courses, the procurement of the remaining equipment planned for this tranche, the full implementation of the end-user programme, as well as the certification programme for service technicians. On the advice of the Secretariat, UNIDO included in this annual implementation plan activities carried over from the previous tranche and stated how these will be implemented. These activities, as well as the remaining fund balance that is required for the implementation, are clearly identified in the submitted plan.

RECOMMENDATION

11. The Secretariat recommends that the Executive Committee:

- (a) Takes note of the progress report on the implementation of the terminal phase-out management plan in Oman during the years 2007 and 2008; and
- (b) Approves the implementation programme for 2009 and 2010.

12. The Secretariat further recommends blanket approval of the second and final tranche (2009) of the TPMP for Oman with associated support costs at the funding level shown in the table below:

	Project Title	Project Funding (US\$)	Support Cost (US\$)	Implementing Agency
(a)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)	164,200	12,315	UNIDO
