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PROJECT PROPOSAL: THE REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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)

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PROJECT EVALUATION SHEET – MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS

Congo

(I) PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY
ODS phase out plan	UNEP, UNIDO

(II) LATEST ARTICLE 7 DATA (ODP Tonnes)					Year: 2008
CFC: 1.4	CTC: 0	Halons: 0	MB: 0	TCA: 0	

(III) LATEST COUNTRY PROGRAMME SECTORAL DATA (ODP Tonnes)										Year: 2008			
Substances	Aerosol	Foam	Halon	Refrigeration		Solvent	Process Agent	MDI	Lab Use	Methyl Bromide		Tobacco fluffina	Total Sector Consumption
				Manufacturing	Servicing					QPS	Non QPS		
CFC					1.4								1.4
CTC													0
Halons													0
Methyl Bromide													0
Others													0
TCA													0

(IV) PROJECT DATA			2008	2009	2010	Total
Montreal Protocol Consumption Limits		CFC	1.8	1.8	0.	
		CTC	0.1	0.1	0.	
		HAL	2.5	2.5	0.	
Maximum Allowable Consumption (ODP Tonnes)		CFC	1.8	1.8	0.	
		HAL	0.	0.	0.	
		CTC	0.	0.	0.	
Project Costs (US\$)	UNEP	Project Costs	68,000.	42,000.		110,000.
		Support Costs	8,840.	5,460.		14,300.
	UNIDO	Project Costs	50,000.	45,000.		95,000.
		Support Costs	4,500.	4,050.		8,550.
Total Funds Approved in Principle (US\$)		Project Costs	118,000.	87,000.		205,000.
		Support Costs	13,340.	9,510.		22,850.
Total Funds Released by the ExCom (US\$)		Project Costs	118,000.	0.		118,000.
		Support Costs	13,340.	0.		13,340.
Total Funds Requested for Current Year (US\$)		Project Costs			87,000.	87,000.
		Support Costs			9,510.	9,510.

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

1. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Congo UNEP, as the lead implementing agency, has submitted to the 60th Meeting of the Executive Committee a progress report on the implementation of the first work programme of the terminal phase-out management plan for CFCs (TPMP). UNEP has also submitted a request for funding for the second tranche at a total cost of US \$87,000, US \$42,000 plus agency support costs of US \$5,460 for UNEP and US \$45,000 plus agency support costs of US \$4,050 for UNIDO.

Background

2. The TPMP for the Republic of the Congo was approved in principle by the Executive Committee at its 54th Meeting at the amount of US \$205,000 plus agency support costs of US \$14,300 for UNEP and US \$8,550 for UNIDO to completely phase out CFC consumption in the country by 2010. At the same meeting, the Executive Committee approved the first tranche of US \$118,000 plus agency support costs of US \$8,840 for UNEP and US \$4,500 for UNIDO for the implementation of the first work programme.

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

3. The progress report submitted by UNEP supporting the request for this second tranche of the TPMP covers activities that were implemented from the date of approval of the TPMP until the end of 2009. These include the completion of refrigeration training resulting in 27 trained trainers for refrigeration servicing. One hydrocarbon (HC) charging station was also purchased, and thirty toolkits for workshops were ordered although not yet distributed by the end of the year. During this period, one training workshop for customs officers was completed resulting in 19 officers being trained. Dialogues and discussions continued to be held with various stakeholders as well as some awareness raising activities.

4. The report also provided an update on the status of the technical assistance component, which included a programme to provide incentives for the recovery and retrofitting of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment as well as technical assistance for strengthening excellence centres being implemented by UNIDO. Under this component, a training centre located in Brazzaville and linked with the refrigeration association was provided with tools and HC equipment for the retrofitting programme. Three technicians were also trained to handle the equipment. The centre will start with retrofitting equipment once the training foreseen in the second tranche is completed.

5. At the end of 2009, the project had a remaining balance of US \$11,810 out of the US \$118,000 approved. This will be carried over into 2010 to implement the remaining activities from the first tranche in addition to the amount requested for the second tranche.

Plan of action for the second tranche of the TPMP

6. The Government of the Republic of the Congo commits to implementing a number of activities under the second work programme of the TPMP. These include the completion of the remaining training for refrigeration technicians and customs officers and the full strengthening of a centre for excellence in refrigeration servicing that will lead to the implementation of the retrofit and equipment programme. During this tranche, the country will also continue to implement public awareness activities and information dissemination to stakeholders. The monitoring and management of these activities is also covered in the second tranche of the TPMP.

SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

7. The 2008 CFC consumption as reported by the Government of the Republic of the Congo for Article 7 is 1.4 ODP tonnes. While this consumption is below the allowable level for this country, the Secretariat sought information from UNEP on how this can be brought to zero in 2010. UNEP assured the Secretariat of the Government's full commitment to meet zero consumption at the beginning of 2010 by completing all activities in the TPMP. The Secretariat asked if consumption data for 2009 can be provided, however it was informed that this information is not yet available.

8. The first tranche of the TPMP for the Republic of the Congo was approved in April 2008. There is some progress in implementation as indicated above, however a number of activities have shown delays in particular in the training activities. In seeking clarification from UNEP on the reasons for these delays, UNEP indicated that these were due to the late arrival of training equipment and the difficulties linked to the shipment of hydrocarbon based refrigerants. UNEP also informed the Secretariat that there are two workshops of about 54 participants that are currently being organised and should be completed in the next month or two, and that the proposed workshops for customs scheduled for March 2010 will be held as planned.

9. The Secretariat also noted that the Republic of the Congo has received funds for the preparation of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) at the 55th Meeting. It suggested that UNEP examines the merits of focusing activities to be implemented with the final tranche of the TPMP plus the balance from the first tranche on specific activities that will allow the country to meet and sustain compliance with CFC phase-out as well as facilitate the phase-out of HCFCs, focusing in particular on the current regulatory framework to control ODS. UNEP indicated that the current regional regulatory framework, the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) that is being followed by the country, already controls HCFCs, therefore this is being considered. They also emphasised that the remaining funds for the TPMP are necessary for the country to sustain compliance with CFC phase-out and would like this to be the priority, as HCFC issues will be handled in the HPMP.

10. The Secretariat also notes that this request is in line with decision 57/15 in that the disbursement from the first tranche is more than 20 per cent, some progress in project implementation has been achieved, and CFC targets for the year have been met.

RECOMMENDATION

11. The Fund Secretariat recommends that the Executive Committee:

- (a) Takes note of the progress report on the implementation of the first tranche of the terminal phase-out management plan (TPMP) in the Republic of the Congo during the year 2008/2009;
- (b) Approves the 2010 annual implementation programme associated with the second tranche; and
- (c) Requests the Government of the Republic of the Congo, with the assistance from UNEP and UNIDO, to submit a progress report on the implementation of the approved work programme above no later than the 63rd Meeting of the Executive Committee.

12. The Secretariat further recommends blanket approval of the 2010 plan associated with the second and final tranche of the TPMP for the Republic of the Congo 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)	42,000	5,460	UNEP
(b)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)	45,000	4,050	UNIDO

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