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PROJECT PROPOSAL: GUINEA-BISSAU

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
Guinea-Bissau

(I) PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY
CFC phase out plan	UNEP

(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	3.9	3.9	0.	
Maximum Allowable Consumption (ODP Tonnes)	CFC	3.9	3.9	0.	
Project Costs (US\$)	UNEP	Project Costs	62,500.	37,500.	100,000.
		Support Costs	8,125.	4,875.	13,000.
Total Funds Approved in Principle (US\$)		Project Costs	62,500.	37,500.	100,000.
		Support Costs	8,125.	4,875.	13,000.
Total Funds Released by the ExCom (US\$)		Project Costs	62,500.	0.	62,500.
		Support Costs	8,125.	0.	8,125.
Total Funds Requested for Current Year (US\$)		Project Costs		37,500.	37,500.
		Support Costs		4,875.	4,875.

(V) SECRETARIAT'S RECOMMENDATION:	Blanket Approval
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. On behalf of the Government of Guinea-Bissau, UNEP, as the implementing agency, has submitted to the 60th Meeting of the Executive Committee a request for funding for the second and final tranche of the terminal phase-out management plan (TPMP) at a total cost of US \$37,500 plus agency support costs of US \$4,875. The submission also includes a progress report on the implementation of the TPMP during 2008 and 2009 and the implementation programme for 2010.

Background

2. The TPMP for Guinea-Bissau was approved by the Executive Committee at its 56th Meeting, to completely phase out CFC consumption in the country by 2009. Total funding of US \$100,000 plus agency support costs of US \$13,000 was approved in principle by the Executive Committee. At the same meeting, the Executive Committee approved US \$62,500 plus agency support costs of US \$8,125 for UNEP.

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

3. Following the approval of the TPMP by the Executive Committee, 25 customs officers and enforcers have been trained; one hydrocarbon charging station and 30 refrigeration service toolkits have been purchased and distributed; 25 technicians have been trained in good service practices and 70 more will be trained during the first quarter of 2010. The technicians recommended that the service toolkits purchased so far be kept at the servicing centres and managed jointly with the association of refrigeration technicians, to be lent out to technicians according to guidelines that are being developed to that effect. Two national consultants have been recruited to monitor the activities included in the TPMP. A database of technicians and customs officers who have been trained is operational.

4. As of December 2009, of the US \$62,500 approved for the first tranche, US \$53,284 had been disbursed or committed. The balance of US \$9,216 will be disbursed during 2010.

Plan of action for the second tranche of the TPMP

5. The Government of Guinea-Bissau commits to implementing the following activities under the second work programme of the TPMP: training an additional 160 customs officers to prevent illegal trade in CFCs, and 120 refrigeration service technicians to sustain the phase-out of CFCs in the refrigeration servicing sector. Monitoring and verification activities will also be implemented.

SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

6. The 2008 CFC consumption reported by the Government of Guinea-Bissau under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol of 1.4 ODP tonnes was already 2.5 ODP tonnes below that of 3.9 ODP tonnes allowed for that year. According to information provided by the Ozone Officer, figures from the licensing system show that no CFCs were imported in 2009. The Ozone Officer is following the established practice of conducting a survey with end-users to ascertain import figures before submitting the official report, as some imports may not have been recorded properly. UNEP also assured the Government of Guinea-Bissau's commitment to sustain zero CFC consumption beyond 2009 by completing all activities in the TPMP.

7. Upon a request by the Secretariat, UNEP reported that the reduction in CFC consumption was achieved through the training and outreach activities that have been implemented. The political crisis in Guinea-Bissau in 2009 delayed implementation of training programmes associated with the TPMP.

However, the situation is now back to normal and 75 additional refrigeration technicians and 50 additional customs officers will be trained by the end of March 2010.

8. Concerning the hydrocarbon charging station that was purchased to train technicians, UNEP reported that hydrocarbon-based equipment is available and serviced by technicians, although hydrocarbon-based refrigerants are not widely available in Guinea-Bissau. The main association of refrigeration technicians is currently working with the Government to encourage and convince dealers to import hydrocarbon-based refrigerants. The hydrocarbon charging station can be used as a high performance recovery tool for CFCs and HCFCs and as a charging station for hydrocarbons. Furthermore, the service toolkits provided so far are not enough for all the technicians available in the country. UNEP also indicated that one of the major issues encountered in the servicing sector is the poor quality of locally available refrigerants. The Government is currently consulting with main importers to facilitate the import of alternative, good quality refrigerants.

9. The Secretariat reviewed the activities proposed in the final tranche of the TPMP for Guinea-Bissau in the light of the current situation of the refrigeration servicing sector in the country, where no further consumption of CFCs is allowed. It also took into account the training programmes for customs officers and refrigeration technicians implemented so far, and the funding approved at the 58th Meeting for the preparation of the HPMP. Under these circumstances, the Secretariat suggested that UNEP examines the merits of focusing the final tranche of the TPMP on specific activities that will sustain zero consumption of CFCs and facilitate the phase-out of HCFCs. UNEP reported that the proposed activities under the TPMP are meant to reach the 2010 target and sustain zero CFC consumption beyond 2010. A survey on HCFC consumption is under way and the country would like to wait for the results of that survey before initiating HCFC phase-out activities. UNEP also indicated that the current ODS legislation and licensing system in place does not address yet HCFC consumption. The ODS legislation of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), to which Guinea-Bissau is a member country, will be amended to cover HCFC consumption.

RECOMMENDATION

10. 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 Guinea-Bissau;
- (b) Approves the 2010 annual implementation programme associated with the second tranche; and
- (c) Requests the Government of Guinea-Bissau, with the assistance from UNEP, to submit a progress report on the implementation of the work programme associated with the second and final tranche of the TPMP no later than the 63rd Meeting of the Executive Committee.

11. The Secretariat further recommends blanket approval of the 2010 plan associated with the second and final tranche of the TPMP for Guinea-Bissau, 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)	37,500	4,875	UNEP
