

Annex XVI

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON RENEWAL OF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE 75th MEETING

Barbados

1. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for Barbados (phase VI) and noted with appreciation that Barbados reported 2014 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee is pleased to note the timely submission of 2014 country programme data and appreciates the efforts of Barbados to reduce the consumption of HCFCs, and expressed the expectation that in the next two years, Barbados will continue with the implementation of its HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) and its licensing and quota system, and achieve and sustain compliance with the HCFC consumption reduction targets.

Benin

2. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Benin (phase IX) and noted with appreciation that Benin reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is on track to achieve the 10 per cent reduction in HCFC consumption in 2015. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation the efforts of the national ozone unit (NOU) to coordinate the implementation of the HPMP and is hopeful that in the next two years, Benin will continue with the implementation of HCFC phase-out activities with outstanding success.

Brazil

3. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Brazil (phase VIII) and noted with appreciation that Brazil reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also noted with appreciation that Brazil has a well-established and reliable ODS licensing system. The Executive Committee congratulated the Government of Brazil for the achievements of its NOU during the implementation of the seventh phase of the IS project taking particular note of the work carried out to prepare stage II of the HPMP while continuing implementation of stage I and expressed the expectations that, in the next two years, Brazil will continue to implement its planned activities with outstanding progress.

Burundi

4. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Burundi (phase VII) and noted with appreciation that Burundi reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee acknowledged the efforts of the NOU to coordinate the implementation of the HPMP and its commitment to HCFC consumption phase-out. The Executive Committee noted that Burundi was not able to finalize the HCFC quota system due to a change in Government and encouraged Burundi to work together with UNEP so that the necessary agreements can be signed. The Executive Committee expressed the hope that in the next two years, Burundi will achieve and sustain compliance with the HCFC consumption reduction targets.

Cameroon

5. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Cameroon (phase X) and noted with appreciation that Cameroon reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol, and the timely submission of 2014 country programme implementation data to the Fund Secretariat. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation that Cameroon has a well-structured licensing and quota system, and encouraged Cameroon to ensure the timely implementation of stage I of the HPMP so that it can continue activities both at the project and policy levels to enable the country to sustain compliance with the Montreal Protocol.

Cabo Verde

6. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Cabo Verde (phase V) and noted with appreciation that Cabo Verde reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee is pleased with the efforts of the NOU to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the HPMP and encouraged Cabo Verde to work closely with UNEP to ensure the timely implementation of activities in the second tranche of the HPMP. The Executive Committee is hopeful that in the next two years, the country will continue with the implementation of HCFC phase-out activities with outstanding success.

Chad

7. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Chad (phase VII) and noted with appreciation that Chad reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation the efforts of the NOU to coordinate the implementation of stage I of the HPMP, and is hopeful that in the next two years, Chad will continue with the implementation of the IS project and HCFC phase-out activities with outstanding success.

Comoros (the)

8. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Comoros (phase IX) and noted with appreciation that Comoros reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country sustained the freeze in HCFC consumption. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation the efforts of the NOU to coordinate the implementation of the HPMP demonstrating the commitment of Comoros to phase-out HCFCs in accordance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee is confident that the country will continue implementing activities both at the project and policy levels in order to meet the forthcoming Montreal Protocol control measures.

Congo (the)

9. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Congo (phase IX) and noted with appreciation that Congo reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation the efforts of the NOU to coordinate the implementation of the HPMP which demonstrated the country's commitment to achieve compliance with the HCFC control measures, and is therefore hopeful that in the next two years, Congo will continue with the implementation of the IS project and HCFC phase-out activities with outstanding success.

Costa Rica

10. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Costa Rica (phase XI) and noted with appreciation that Costa Rica reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee is pleased to note that the country is taking the necessary steps to meet the targets of the Montreal Protocol related to HCFCs. The Executive Committee commends the Government of Costa Rica for the implementation of stage I of the HPMP and the awareness programme conducted during phase X of the IS project, noting the efforts to increase public awareness of the linkage between ozone layer protection and climate change. The Executive Committee is pleased to note that Costa Rica is an active member of the regional network sharing its Montreal Protocol experience and expertise with other members and is hopeful that Costa Rica will continue with the implementation of its planned activities with outstanding success, and will sustain and build upon its current ODS phase-out achievements.

Cuba

11. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Cuba (phase X) and noted with appreciation that Cuba reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee commends the Government of Cuba for the effective implementation of stage I of the HPMP and the awareness programme conducted during phase IX of the IS project, and noted the efforts to strength the facilities for training on new technologies and ODS alternatives for refrigeration and air-conditioning. The Executive Committee is pleased to note that Cuba is an active member of the regional network sharing its Montreal Protocol experience and expertise with other members and is hopeful that Cuba will continue with the implementation of its planned activities with outstanding success and progress, and will sustain and build upon its current ODS phase-out achievements.

Gabon

12. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Gabon (phase IX) and noted with appreciation that Gabon reported 2014 data indicating that the country sustained the freeze in HCFC consumption, and the efforts of the NOU to coordinate the implementation of the HPMP which demonstrated its strong commitment to achieving compliance with the HCFC control measures. The Executive Committee is hopeful that in the next two years, Gabon will continue with the implementation of the IS project and HCFC phase-out activities with outstanding success.

Grenada

13. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Grenada (phase V) and noted with appreciation that Grenada reported Article 7 data indicating it is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. Furthermore the Executive Committee is pleased that Grenada submitted 2014 country programme implementation data to the Fund Secretariat and that the country effectively enforced its licensing and quota system, and is therefore hopeful that, within the next two years, Grenada will continue with the implementation of its IS project and HPMP in order to achieve compliance with the HCFC consumption reduction targets.

Haiti

14. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Haiti (phase IV) and noted with appreciation that over the past five years the country reported Article 7 data as well as country

programme implementation data. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation that Haiti is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee noted that the first tranche of the HPMP for Haiti is being implemented according to prevailing circumstances despite the delay in the submission of the second tranche. The Executive Committee is hopeful that Haiti will continue activities both at the project and policy levels to enable the country to meet the future Montreal Protocol control measures.

Honduras

15. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Honduras (phase VIII) and noted with appreciation that Honduras reported 2014 Article 7 data and 2014 country programme implementation data. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation that Honduras is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee noted that implementation of the second tranche of stage I of the HPMP for Honduras is proceeding satisfactorily and is therefore confident that Honduras will continue activities both at the project and policy levels to enable the country to achieve and sustain compliance with the HCFC consumption reduction targets.

Indonesia

16. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Indonesia (phase X) and noted with appreciation that Indonesia reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also noted the successful implementation of various policy and regulatory initiatives for effective ODS monitoring and control, and the coordination with national agencies and stakeholders in managing and monitoring of the ODS phase-out. The Executive Committee is hopeful that in the next two years, Indonesia will continue successful coordination with other national agencies and stakeholders in implementing policies and regulations to sustain ODS phase-out, strengthening national management capacity to achieve and sustain compliance with the HCFC consumption reduction targets.

Jamaica

17. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Jamaica (phase IX) and noted with appreciation that Jamaica reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also expressed appreciation for the timely submission of country programme implementation data to the Fund Secretariat and for the effective ODS licensing and quota system in Jamaica. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation that Jamaica had strengthened and enforced its licensing system in cooperation with the national customs administration, and is confident that Jamaica will achieve compliance with the HCFC consumption reduction targets, and maintain zero consumption of other ODS.

Liberia

18. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Liberia (phase VI) and noted with appreciation that Liberia reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country was in compliance with the Montreal Protocol, and had submitted 2013 and 2014 country programme data. The Executive Committee acknowledged that Liberia had faced particular challenges due to the Ebola crisis and is pleased that the country had made exceptional efforts to deal with the risk of illegal trade of ODS as a result of the crisis. The Executive Committee expressed the expectation that, during the next two years, Liberia will continue with the implementation of its IS project and HCFC phase-out activities with

outstanding success in order to achieve and maintain compliance with the HCFC consumption reduction targets.

Malaysia

19. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Malaysia (phase XI) and noted with appreciation that Malaysia reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also noted with appreciation that Malaysia had successfully completed the foam sector and servicing sector projects by 30 June 2015, and the effective monitoring and coordination of ODS phase-out activities with active involvement from industries and key stakeholders which played an important role in assisting the country to phase out HCFCs. For the next two years, Malaysia will continue to implement policies and regulations to sustain ODS phase-out and, strengthen its national management capacity and improve its ODS legislation and licensing system. The Executive Committee is hopeful that Malaysia will continue to build on the progress achieved and the experience of ODS phase-out activities to achieve the subsequent reductions in HCFC consumption.

Nicaragua

20. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Nicaragua (phase VIII) and noted with appreciation that Nicaragua reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol, and that 2014 country programme implementation data for Nicaragua had been submitted to the Fund Secretariat in a timely manner. The Executive Committee is pleased that the implementation of the HPMP is proceeding satisfactorily, and is therefore confident that Nicaragua will continue activities both at the project and policy levels to enable the country to meet and sustain compliance with the HCFC consumption reduction targets.

Niger (the)

21. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Niger (phase X) and noted with appreciation that Niger reported 2014 data indicating that the country achieved the freeze in HCFC. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation the efforts of the NOU to coordinate the implementation of the HPMP, which demonstrated its commitment to the phase-out of HCFC consumption, and is, therefore hopeful that in the next two years, Niger will continue with the implementation of ODS phase-out activities with outstanding success.

Niue

22. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Niue (phase VI) and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2014 Article 7 data and 2014 country programme implementation data and is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee appreciates the efforts of Niue to phase out the consumption of HCFCs and expressed the expectation that in the next two years, Niue will continue with the effective implementation of its licensing and quota system and maintain compliance with the Montreal Protocol.

Panama

23. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Panama (phase VII) and noted with appreciation that Panama reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee commends the Government of Panama

for the implementation of stage I of the HPMP, the follow-up controls on HCFCs, and the building of a registry of HCFC importers, and the work carried out by Panama to train custom officers in HCFC control, and technicians on new technology and alternatives in refrigeration and air-conditioning. The Executive Committee is hopeful that Panama will continue with the implementation of its planned activities with outstanding progress, and will sustain and build upon its current state of reductions in ODS consumption.

Rwanda

24. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Rwanda (phase VI) and noted with appreciation that Rwanda reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee appreciates the introduction of the HCFC licensing and quota system and the efforts to control imports of HCFCs and thus reduce HCFC consumption. The Executive Committee expressed the expectation that in the next two years, Rwanda will continue to strengthen its licensing and quota system and to enhance cooperation with implementing agencies in order to implement the IS project and HPMP, and sustain and build upon its current levels of reductions in ODS in accordance with the Montreal Protocol's control measures.

Senegal

25. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Senegal (phase XI) and noted with appreciation that Senegal reported 2014 data indicating that the country sustained the freeze in HCFC consumption. The Executive Committee noted the efforts of the NOU to coordinate the implementation of the HPMP, and is therefore hopeful that in the next two years, Senegal will continue with the implementation of HCFC phase-out activities with outstanding success.

Seychelles

26. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Seychelles (phase VII) and noted with appreciation that Seychelles reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol, and also submitted its country programme data for 2013 and 2014 using the web-based system in advance of the deadline of 1 May. The Executive Committee appreciates the efforts of Seychelles to reduce imports of HCFCs and expressed the expectation that in the next two years, Seychelles will continue with the implementation of the licensing and quota system and reduce HCFC consumptions as part of its efforts to achieve complete HCFC phase-out earlier than required under the Montreal Protocol.

Sierra Leone

27. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the IS project renewal request for Sierra Leone (phase VI) and noted the successful implementation of activities despite the difficulties faced by the country during the Ebola outbreak in the region. The Executive Committee is pleased to note that the delays to IS activities have been resolved and that a national ozone officer has been appointed. The Executive Committee noted with appreciation that the country reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating compliance with the Montreal Protocol, and had submitted 2014 country programme data to the Fund Secretariat. The Executive Committee is pleased with the establishment and enforcement of a licensing and quota system for HCFC imports and the efforts to engage all key stakeholders involved in ODS phase-out activities, and is, therefore hopeful that, during the next two years, Sierra Leone will continue

with the implementation of the IS project and HPMP with outstanding success in order to achieve and maintain compliance with the HCFC consumption reduction targets.

Sudan (the)

28. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Sudan (phase VIII) and noted with appreciation that Sudan reported data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also noted with appreciation the submission of country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and the activities reported during the seventh phase including the implementation of the HCFC licensing and quota system. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that Sudan will continue the implementation of the IS project, the methyl bromide technical assistance project and HPMP with success in order to achieve compliance with the HCFC consumption reduction targets.

Uruguay

29. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the IS project for Uruguay (phase XI) and noted with appreciation that Uruguay reported 2014 Article 7 data indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee commends the Government of Uruguay for the implementation of stage I of the HPMP, and noted the efforts to ensure effective collaboration between the NOU, customs officers and stakeholders; the work carried out to control HCFC imports and exports; the strengthening of facilities for training on new technologies and ODS alternatives for refrigeration and air-conditioning; and public awareness activities. The Executive Committee is hopeful that Uruguay will continue with the implementation of its planned activities with outstanding success and progress, and will sustain and build upon its current ODS phase-out achievements.