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UNIDO PROGRESS REPORT

This document includes Comments and Recommendations from the Fund Secretariat.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FUND SECRETARIAT

COMMENTS

1. The Executive Committee will review 13 investment projects and 26 work programme amendments submitted by UNIDO for the 17th Meeting. Information of UNIDO's expenditures is provided in its financial report.

2. UNIDO's input to the Consolidated Progress Report does not include information about disbursements, date of approval, approved amount of funding, nor time frame for completion. It also does not provide the project number used in the Inventory of Approved Projects. The lack of these key data points makes it very difficult to analyze progress. Annex IV of UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/10/40 presents a format for the Consolidated Progress Report that facilitates review of the progress report.

Investment projects

3. The Executive Committee has allocated US \$39 million for investment projects that will lead to the phase-out of over 4,146 ODP tonnes. Only US \$11.7 million has been disbursed but UNIDO has not yet reported any investment projects as completed and therefore, no phase-out has been reported.

4. Based on the information provided in the financial report, UNIDO has US \$1.25 million available for project preparation in its account for ongoing activities of which it plans to commit US \$315,000. The report indicates that nine project preparation activities have been completed since the last progress report.

5. The progress report again reported the completion of project preparation activities in Cameroon, Jordan, and Syria that had been reported in the previous progress report.

Technical assistance

6. Some progress was reported on the technical assistance activities under implementation by UNIDO. The final version of Romania's country programme was submitted to the Government for comment. "Development of strategies for small and medium-sized enterprises", An executive summary for the project "Low-consuming country strategies" was submitted to this meeting of the Executive Committee for its consideration in co-operation with USEPA. Some progress was reported on the "Feasibility Study of Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling in India". However, no joint visits with UNEP in country programme exercises have been reported, yet.

Administration

7. UNIDO is reporting that the World Bank has approached UNIDO to implement certain projects. The Executive Committee should be informed when funds are transferred from the World Bank to UNIDO to enable the Treasurer to administer the accounts of the two agencies.
8. UNIDO's financial report also indicates savings totaling US \$289,128 (excluding agency support costs) from completed activities which might be available for offset against future approvals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. The Fund Secretariat recommends that the Executive Committee take note of, with appreciation, the progress report of the UNIDO.
10. It is further recommended that the Executive Committee request the UNIDO to use the format provided for input into the consolidated progress report from Annex IV of the Report of the Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/10/40) and to provide different sections on completed and ongoing projects, and provide information by country in alphabetical order.