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SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

1. This document reports on the activities undertaken by the Fund Secretariat since the Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee during the period July through October 1993.

Documents received at the Secretariat:

2. The Secretariat has received the following documents for consideration of the Executive Committee:

- Request for bilateral contributions (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/6);
- Discussion paper from the Treasurer on the operation of promissory notes within the context of the Multilateral Fund (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/7).

Agencies progress reports:

- UNDP (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/10);
- UNEP (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/11);
- UNIDO (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/12);
- World Bank (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/13).

Amendments to agencies work programmes:

- UNDP (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/14);
- UNEP (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/15);
- UNIDO (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/16);
- World Bank (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/17).

Country programmes:

- Algeria (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/18);
- Burkina Faso (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/19);
- India (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/20);
- Senegal (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/21);
- Syria (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/22);
- Thailand (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/23).

Project proposals:

- Egypt (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/24);
- India (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/25);
- Indonesia (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/26);
- Iran (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/27);
- Malaysia (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/28);
- Thailand (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/29);
- Venezuela (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/30).

Information documents:

- Note on production sector and project concepts, prepared by the World Bank (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/Inf.3);
- In-kind contributions to the Multilateral Fund - Note on methodology and operational issues, prepared by the World Bank (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/Inf.4);
- Montreal Protocol operations - Monthly operations, prepared by the World Bank (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/Inf.5).

Documents prepared by the Secretariat for the Eleventh Meeting of the Executive Committee:

3. The Secretariat prepared the following documents:

- The impact of the non-committed resources at the end of 1993 on the 1994-1996 assessments (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/31);
- Streamlining the Executive Committee's project review process (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/34);
- Draft report of the Executive Committee to the Fifth Meeting of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/33);

- Consolidated progress report of the implementing agencies (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/11/9).

Meetings:

4. The Secretariat participated in the following meetings:

- UNEP's Technology and Economic Assessment Panel Meeting, Toronto, 12-14 July 1993:

The Co-Chair of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel invited the Fund Secretariat to participate in the meeting held in July. A presentation on the Multilateral Fund, its achievements, and issues outstanding was provided. Co-operation between the Assessment Panel and the Fund was also discussed.

- Malaysia National ODS Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 20-21 July 1993:

The Government of Malaysia invited the Chief Officer to brief participants from government and industry attending the National ODS Conference on the Multilateral Fund modus operandi. Meetings with several high-level officials of the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment were held.

- Meetings with UNEP IE/PAC (Paris, 23 July 1993) and UNIDO (Vienna, 26-27 July 1993):

The Chief Officer met with UNEP IE/PAC Director and OzonAction Co-ordinator in Paris to discuss future work under the Multilateral Fund. The Chief Officer also visited UNIDO Headquarters where he made a presentation to UNIDO's task force on the Environment and Multilateral Fund projects. A meeting with the Director-General of UNIDO was arranged. The Director-General expressed his appreciation for the support to UNIDO work programme and assured support to strengthen the capacity of UNIDO to respond to this important programme.

- Training seminar on the ozone layer protection, Quito, Ecuador, 28-30 July 1993:

The Fund Secretariat was invited to attend the training seminar implemented under UNDP work programme. A presentation on the operation of the Financial Mechanism of the Montreal Protocol, with emphasis on the project cycle, was made in the plenary session.

- Sixth Meeting of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol, Geneva, 26 August 1993:

The Fund Secretariat attended the Implementation Committee meeting to assist in finalizing recommendations on the issue of obtaining data from developing countries. A presentation of the Multilateral Fund activities related to data reporting within the framework of country programmes and institutional strengthening was made at the meeting.

- Ninth Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, Geneva, 30 August - 3 September 1993.
- Meeting of the Ozone Operations Resource Group (OORG) on the production sector, held at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C., 8 September 1993.
- Workshop on the Incremental Costs of Implementing the Rio Conventions, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 13-15 September 1993:

The Fund Secretariat participated in the workshop, aimed at seeking a more comprehensive understanding of the concept of incremental costs and to enhance the capacity of participants to examine issues related to incremental costs. A presentation on incremental costs under the Multilateral Fund was provided.

- International Conference and Workshop on the Control of Ozone-Depleting Substances: Delivering the Montreal Protocol, Whistler, British Colombia, Canada, 22-24 September 1993:

The Fund Secretariat was invited to participate in the Conference. Issues related to government initiatives resulting from the Montreal Protocol and the response to these initiatives by ODS producers and equipment manufacturers were discussed. Various case studies on government and ODS management programmes were presented. The Fund's representative made a presentation on issues related to the Multilateral Fund and its impact on the phase-out of ODS in developing countries.

- Workshop on Transfer and Development of Environmentally Sound Technologies, Oslo, Norway, 13-15 October, 1993:

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, invited the Fund Secretariat to present a paper on technology transfer under the Multilateral Fund. The workshop will focus on issues involved in the generation, transfer and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies, policies and measures for the promotion of these technologies, particularly in developing countries.

- Mission to China and India with the Chairperson of the Executive Committee to discuss issues related to the Multilateral Fund, 9-13 October 1993.
 - 1993 International CFC and Halon Alternatives Conference, Washington, D.C., 20-22 October 1993.
5. The Secretariat convened the following two meetings with the implementing agencies:
- Meeting with the World Bank, Montreal, 30 July 1993. The following issues were discussed in the meeting: policy papers requested by the Executive Committee; project proposals on production of substitutes; on-lending; incremental cost; standardization of work; and the Ozone Operation Resource Group.
 - Co-ordination meeting of the implementing agencies, Montreal, 4 October 1993. Representatives of UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank were invited to attend the meeting.

Article 5 Countries:

Outcome of the Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee:

6. The Secretariat notified Article 5 countries of projects and other activities relevant to them approved at the Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee.

Requests for institutional strengthening:

7. The Secretariat discussed the institutional strengthening requests with the respective implementing agencies and where necessary with the Government concerned in order to reach mutually acceptable levels of funding.

Countries experiencing temporary economic difficulty

8. The Secretariat sent letters to Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic and Ukraine requesting them to provide information on actions and decisions regarding their in-kind contribution to the Multilateral Fund.

Preparation for the Eleventh Meeting of the Executive Committee

9. The Secretariat has co-ordinated with the Ozone Secretariat all the arrangements for the Eleventh Meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held in Bangkok, including translation of documentation, hiring of conference staff (interpreters, translators, etc.), and provision of other logistics. Letters of invitation and meeting documentation were sent to members of the Executive Committee, implementing agencies, and NGOs.