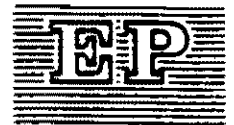




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Executive Committee of the
Interim Multilateral Fund for the
Implementation of the Montreal Protocol

Seventh Meeting
Montreal, 23-26 June 1992

REQUESTS FOR BILATERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Pursuant to Decision II-8 of the Parties, The Executive Committee is charged with assessing bilateral contributions to The Fund. Thus far, seven requests have been received.

A request was received from the Government of the United States of America (see Annex I) to credit US \$480,000 in bilateral assistance against its 1991 contribution to The Fund. The assistance was provided in the four functional areas as follows:

1. Logistical and administrative support for country planning efforts in Ecuador--US\$ 10,000;
2. Country programme preparation support in Ecuador--US\$ 40,000;
3. Support for SEDUE's ozone protection unit in Mexico--US\$ 285,000; and,
4. Development of project proposals and the country programme in Mexico--US\$ 145,000.

These projects were completed before the approval of the bilateral guidelines and are therefore not subject to such guidelines. Nevertheless, these projects are incremental costs, have been accepted by the recipient governments as acceptable bilateral contributions to The Fund, and comply with the provisions of the Protocol. Also, the requested amount does not exceed 20 percent of the United States' contribution to The Fund for the year 1991. It is recommended that the United States of America Government's request should be approved.

A request was received from the Government of Australia (see Annex II) to allow AUS 52,000 dollars to be credited against its 1992 Fund contribution to provide support for delegates to attend the workshop from Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, China, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh (all Article 5 countries).

This request complies with the bilateral contribution criteria approved by the Executive Committee (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/5/16, paragraph 55) and project eligibility criteria and implementation guidelines (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/3/18/Rev.1, paragraph 46) pending expected receipt of confirmation from participating Article 5 countries that they accept the offer of financial assistance. Also, the requested amount does not exceed 20 percent of Australia's contribution to The Fund for the year 1992. Therefore, it is recommended that the Australian Government's request should be approved.

Three requests for bilateral assistance to non-Parties were received. The requesting governments were advised that non-Parties are not eligible for assistance under The Fund. Two other requesting governments were advised that their proposed bilateral assistance activities are included in UNEP's Work Programmes.



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Dear Omar:

As agreed at the meeting on March 26, I am enclosing an annotated budget of U.S. bilateral contributions under the Interim Multilateral Fund for FY 1991. A more abbreviated version of this had been submitted prior to the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee. This bilateral cooperation represents well below the 20 percent ceiling based on the total U.S. contribution and is consistent with criteria specified by Decision II/8 in the report of the Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (London, 27-29 June 1990) to establish the Interim Multilateral Fund. These use of these funds strictly relates to compliance with the provisions of the Protocol; (2) provides additional resources; and (3) meets agreed incremental costs.

Prior to the expenditure of these funds, we had received approval from the Governments of Ecuador and Mexico to count the expenses of EPA's partnership with them as part of the U.S. contribution to the Fund.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. The UNEP Treasurer anxiously awaits your notification of this use of bilateral funds. You may want to notify him that we have submitted documentation to you and that this will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting. Please let me know if you require any further information. I hope all is well with you in Montreal.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Claussen", is written over the typed name.

Eileen B. Claussen
Director, Office of
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cc: Tony Brough, UNEP/Nairobi
Enclosures



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U.S. BILATERAL CONTRIBUTIONS
UNDER INTERIM MULTILATERAL FUND
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1991

Ecuador	\$50,000
Mexico	\$285,000 \$145,000
Direct Contributions to the Fund	\$1,000,000 \$1,644,161
State Department	\$10,000,000
	\$13,124,161
Remaining Balance	\$209,172 ¹ -----
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TOTAL	\$13,333,333

¹ This amount will be transferred directly to UNEP pending receipt of signed agreement from Tony Brough in Nairobi.

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EXHIBIT 1: BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO ECUADOR

FUNCTION	DISBURSEMENT
Logistical and administrative support (translation and in-country travel expenses for Ministry of Planning - CONADE) as part of country planning efforts	\$10,000
Support in preparation of country program (technical components to contractor)	\$40,000
TOTAL	\$50,000

EXHIBIT 2: BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO

FUNCTION	DISBURSEMENT
Support for SEDUE's ozone protection unit: (1) develop tracking system for production and imports; (2) implement tracking system; (3) coordinate investment project preparation and coordination with industry and implementing agencies; (4) coordinate training activities; (5) negotiate additional voluntary agreements; (6) update country program; and (7) coordinate public information and industry.	\$285,000 ²
Disbursement of monies to contractor for development of project proposals: (1) recycle CFC-12 in mobile air conditioning units; (2) convert remaining aerosol plants using CFC-based propellants to hydrocarbons and incorporate manufacturing safety program; (3) eliminate CFC-113 and methyl chloroform solvents in maquiladora in-bond industries; and (4) support preparation of country program	\$145,000
TOTAL	\$430,000

² The remaining \$65,000 of U.S. EPA's total bilateral contribution to SEDUE (\$350,000) will be disbursed in FY 1991.



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18 February 1992

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Dear Dr El-Arini

The Australian International Development and Aid Bureau has asked that I pass the following message to you:

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"Australian industry is organising a regional workshop on alternatives to CFCs on 23-26 March 1992 in Canberra, Australia. It will have a strong training component through training in appropriate practices for the reduction of the emissions of CFCs in refrigeration and air conditioning applications. Sessions will also cover other important aspects of ozone protection.

The Australian Government intends to provide financial support for delegates from developing countries and AUS 52,000 dollars of its 1992 multilateral fund contribution will be utilized as bilateral assistance for Article 5(1) countries in the region: Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, China, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

The Australian Government is seeking confirmation from the 5(1) countries that they accept the financial assistance as part of Australia's multilateral contribution. The Ozone Fund Secretariat will be advised when the 5(1) countries have accepted the offer.

The Australian Government requests that the bilateral contribution of AUS 52,000 dollars be credited against its 1992 multilateral fund contribution."

Ends

Yours sincerely

(Arthur Tansley)
First Secretary