

Annex XIV

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON RENEWALS OF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE 52nd MEETING

Brazil

1. The Executive Committee has reviewed the terminal report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Brazil and notes with appreciation the outstanding achievements made by Brazil's National Ozone Unit during the implementation of the Fourth Phase. In particular the Executive Committee notes the progress made by Brazil in reducing their CFC-12 consumption from 8,052 ODP tonnes in 1999 to 477.8 ODP tonnes in 2006, which is below the 50% reduction level. The Executive Committee also notes the progress on the implementation of phase-out projects in key ODS-consuming sectors, including the completion of activities in the foam sector and the continuation of activities in the servicing sector under the national CFC phase-out plan. The Executive Committee commends the Government of Brazil for its achievements during the current phase and expresses the expectation that, in the next two years, Brazil will continue the implementation of its programmed activities with outstanding progress, and will sustain and build upon its current levels of reductions in CFCs.

Colombia

2. The Executive Committee has reviewed the terminal report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Colombia and notes with appreciation the outstanding achievements made by Colombia's National Ozone Unit during the implementation of the Fifth Phase. In particular the Executive Committee notes the progress made by Colombia towards achieving the 50% reduction in CFC and 85% in CTC consumption in 2005 and maintaining compliance in 2006 with the schedules established in all the controlled substances. The Executive Committee also notes the progress on the implementation of phase-out projects in key ODS-consuming sectors, including the completion of the terminal umbrella project in the foam sector and the continuation of activities under the national CFC phase-out plan through the regional centres established. The Executive Committee commends the Government of Colombia for its achievements during the current phase and expresses the expectation that, in the next two years, Colombia will continue the implementation of its programmed activities with outstanding progress, and will sustain and build upon its current levels of reductions in CFCs.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

3. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat showing that it reduced its CFC consumption in 2006 beyond the required 50% reduction. The Executive Committee notes however that in decision XVIII/21, the Democratic Republic of the Congo was in potential non-compliance with CTC and TCA control measures for 2006 and submitted an action plan for consideration. The Executive Committee notes with appreciation that the Democratic Republic

of the Congo's reported CTC and TCA consumption for 2006 is consistent with the Party's commitments pursuant to decision XVIII/21 for returning to compliance. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, the Democratic Republic of Congo will continue with the implementation of its country programme and related activities with outstanding success towards total phase-out of its ODS consumption ahead of the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule.

El Salvador

4. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for El Salvador and notes with concern that El Salvador reported Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat that shows that it is in potential non-compliance with CTC control measures. The Executive Committee hopes that El Salvador will submit its action plan and fully implement it to immediately return to compliance. The Executive Committee also notes that El Salvador is committed to achieve the total ODS phase-out by the established deadlines. With the activities planned for the next phase, the Executive Committee is hopeful that El Salvador will continue phasing out ODS with outstanding success and accordingly.

Jordan

5. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Jordan and notes with appreciation that Jordan reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that the 85 per cent CFC phase-out target for 2007 has been achieved ahead of time. The Executive Committee also notes that within the framework of the institutional strengthening project, Jordan has taken significant steps to phase-out its ODS consumption in other areas such as halons and methyl bromide. Specifically, the coordination of implementation of the national CFC, halon and methyl bromide phase-out plan; the completion of training workshops for customs officers and implementation of an import control system; the continuation of awareness raising activities to ensure stakeholders' commitment to ODS phase-out, and; the development of a methyl bromide strategy. The Executive Committee also noted the steps taken in this critical phase of the program to prevent illegal import of CFCs. The Executive Committee greatly supports the efforts of Jordan to reduce the consumption of ODS. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Jordan will continue with the implementation of its country programme and activities under the national ODS phase-out plan, with outstanding success in the reduction of current ODS consumption levels towards complete phase out by 2010.

Mexico

6. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Mexico and notes with appreciation that Mexico reported data to the Ozone Secretariat, as at end 2005, that was lower than its 1998 average CFC compliance baseline. It also notes with concern, however that Mexico is in non-compliance with its CTC control measures for 2005, but has presented an action plan for it to return to compliance. The Executive Committee also notes that within the framework of the institutional strengthening project, Mexico has achieved in 2005 a substantial phase out of its ODS consumption vis-à-vis 2004. The Executive Committee acknowledges with appreciation the

ratification of the Montreal Amendment by the Government of Mexico and hopes that the ratification of the Beijing Amendment will be achieved in the near future. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Mexico will continue with the implementation of its country programme and the national phase-out plan (NPP) activities with outstanding success in the further reduction of current CFC consumption levels, and to fully implement its action plan to meet CTC compliance.

Thailand

7. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Thailand, and notes with appreciation that Thailand has reported 2006 data to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that it is on track with the phase-out schedule in CFC consumption. The Executive Committee would like to express its appreciation that Thailand had already ratified the Beijing Amendment to the Montreal Protocol. Moreover, Thailand should be congratulated for putting in place a regulation to ban the use of CFC in the manufacturing sector since 2005 and its continuing efforts in preventing illegal trade of ODS. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Thailand will continue with the implementation of its country programme and related activities with outstanding success, and achieve further reductions in its CFC consumption levels.

Viet Nam

8. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening project extension for Viet Nam and notes with appreciation that Viet Nam has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that Viet Nam is on track with the phase-out schedule in CFC consumption. Viet Nam has taken significant steps to phase out its CFC consumption. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Viet Nam will continue with the implementation of its country programme, the national CFC and halon phase-out plan and methyl bromide phase-out plan with outstanding success in the reduction of ODS consumption.