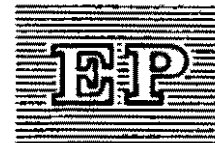




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SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

1. This document reports on activities undertaken by the Fund Secretariat since the Eighth Meeting of the Executive Committee during the period October 1992 through February 1993..

Documentation prepared by the Secretariat for the Ninth Meeting of the Executive Committee:

2. The Secretariat has prepared the following documents:

- Consolidated 1992 Progress Report of UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/4)
- Consolidated 1993 Work Programmes of UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/8);
- Comments and recommendations on the work programmes of:
 - UNDP;
 - UNEP;
 - UNIDO;
 - World Bank;
- Comments and cover sheet on the country programme of:
 - China;

- Comments and recommendations on project proposals from:
 - China;
 - Ecuador;
 - Egypt;
 - Philippines.
- Draft Report on the Operation of the Financial Mechanism since 1 January 1991 (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/18);
- Proposed three-year plan and budget for the fund operations, 1994-1996 (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/19);
- Information Kit (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/Inf.2)

Documentation Received at the Secretariat:

3. The Secretariat has received the following documents which have been submitted for consideration of the Executive Committee:

- Request for bilateral contributions (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/20);

Progress reports:

- UNDP (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/5);
- UNEP (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/6);
- World Bank (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/7).

1993 Work programmes:

- UNDP (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/9);
- UNEP (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/10);
- UNIDO (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/11);
- World Bank (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/12).

Country Programmes:

- China (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/13).

Project Proposals:

- China (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/14);
- Ecuador (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/15);
- Egypt (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/16);
- Philippines (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/17);

Meetings:

4. The Fund Secretariat participated in the following meetings:

- Eighth Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group. Copenhagen, 17-18 November 1992;
- Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. Copenhagen, 19-21 November 1992;
- Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. Copenhagen, 23-25 November 1992;

The Secretariat participated as an observer in these three meetings, rendering assistance to the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Two documents prepared by the Secretariat and approved by the Eighth Meeting of the Executive Committee were considered at these meetings, i.e. "Report of the Executive Committee to the Fourth Meeting of the Parties" and "Meeting of the needs of Article 5 Parties for controlled substances during the grace and phase-out periods". The Executive Committee was requested, as per decision IV/18 of the Fourth Meeting of the Parties, to prepare a report on the operation of the Financial Mechanism since 1 January 1991 and a three-year plan and budget of the Multilateral Fund to be considered by the Ninth Meeting at the Open-ended Working Group. Furthermore, Decision IV/21 was adopted requesting the Executive Committee to prepare a report addressing the issue of the difficulties of Hungary, Bulgaria and Poland in making contributions to the Fund for consideration at the Fifth Meeting of the Parties.

- Regional Workshop on the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Nairobi, 7-11 December 1992;

The Secretariat presented two papers and discussed procedures for obtaining assistance from the Fund and preparation of country programmed and project proposals. Many delegates (notably Egypt, Nigeria, Zambia) had consultations with the Secretariat and the implementing agencies on pertinent issues. The Secretariat is co-operating with the implementing agencies in developing an implementation strategy for low-volume ODS consuming countries in Africa.

- UNEP ODS-Free Catalogues Data Collection Meeting. Paris, 13 January 1993;
- Second UNEP Informal Advisory Group Meeting. Paris, 14 January 1993;
- UNEP Meeting on Formulation of Country Programmes for Low-Volume ODS Consuming Countries. Paris, 15 January 1993;
- Conference on the Montreal Protocol for Indian Industry. New Delhi, 28-29 January 1993;

On the invitation of the Government of India, the Secretariat attended the Conference on the Montreal Protocol for the Indian Industry. About 100 participants attended the conference representing the major sectors of Indian industry. Presentations on the Multilateral Fund and technology transfer were made by the Secretariat which initiated very intensive discussions. The Conference provided the impetus for Indian industries to proceed with early practical measures to phase-out ODS in India. The Conference was addressed by the Minister of Environment and Forestry.

- Meeting with the new Executive Director of UNEP, Mrs. E. Dowdeswell, 1 February 1993. The Chief Officer provided a briefing on Secretariat activities.
- The Fund Secretariat hosted the Fourth Co-ordination Meeting of the Implementing Agencies in Montreal on 4-5 February 1993. Representatives of UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank, as well as a representative of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, participated in the meeting.

The Co-ordination Meeting addressed the following:

- progress of the implementation of 1992 Work Programmes of the implementing agencies;
- co-ordination and consolidation of activities contained in the proposed 1993 Work Programmes;
- three-year plan and budget (1994-1996) of the Multilateral Fund;
- OzonAction training strategy;
- global projects;
- incremental costs;
- institutional strengthening;
- technology transfer; etc.

Article 5 Countries:

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

Country Programmes:

6. The country programme of China has been officially submitted to the Fund Secretariat for consideration by the Executive Committee. The Fund Secretariat prepared the evaluation sheet of this country programme.

Project Proposals:

7. The following project proposals have been received at the Fund Secretariat:

China (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/14), submitted through the World Bank;

This project proposal represents a request for additional funding for the following projects approved by the Executive Committee at its Seventh Meeting:

- Conversion of CFC aerosol production to LPG at Shanghai area;
- Conversion of CFC aerosol production to LPG at Tianjin area;
- ABC powder production at Beijing Fire Protection Equipment Factory;
- Halon extinguisher conversion at Zhejiang factory;
- Conversion of CFC foam production to butane at Zhejiang Plastics Plant;
- Fifty percent reduction of CFC rigid foam production.

Ecuador (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/15), submitted through the World Bank;

- Conversion of aerosol plants to hydrocarbon propellant;
- Reduced CFC insulating foams in refrigerator manufacturing.

Egypt (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/16), submitted by the Government of Egypt:

- Phase-out of the use of CFC-11 in moulded polyurethane foams manufacturing at Taki-Vita;

- Elimination of CFC-12 in the manufacture of extruded polystyrene foam at Al Sharif Plastic Factory;
- Phase-out of the use of CFC-12 in the manufacture of extruded polystyrene foam at Advechems Company.

Philippines (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/9/17), submitted through the World Bank;

- Conversion of tobacco fluffing process to carbon dioxide at Fortune Tobacco Corporation;
- Application of a reduced CFC blowing agent and non-CFC application preparation at Philippines Appliance Corporation (Philacor);
- Application of a reduced CFC blowing agent and non-CFC application preparation at Concepcion Industries;
- Application of a reduced CFC blowing agent and non-CFC application preparation at Sanyo Philippines;
- Application of a reduced CFC blowing agent and non-CFC application preparation at Federal Electric Company;
- Conversion to semi-aqueous and aqueous cleaning solvents at Ionics Circuits, Inc.;
- Conversion to low-emission processing and organic solvents at Pacific Semiconductors, Inc.;
- Conversion to semi-aqueous and aqueous cleaning solvents at Electronic Assemblies, Inc.;
- Conversion to high-purity water cleaning at Integrated Microelectronics;
- Conversion to semi-aqueous cleaning solvents at Solid Circuits, Inc.;
- Establishment of central recycling scheme in Metro Manila;
- MAC recycling scheme;
- Conversion from CFC-12 to HFC-134 refrigerant in household refrigerators at Philippines Appliance Corp.;
- Conversion from CFC-12 to HFC-134a refrigerant in household refrigerators at Concepcion Industries;
- Conversion from CFC-12 to HFC-134a refrigerant in household refrigerators at Sanyo Philippines;

- Conversion from CFC-12 to HFC-134a refrigerant in household refrigerator at Federal Electric;
- Technical assistance for the financial institution.

8. The Secretariat has prepared its comments and recommendations, where appropriate, in consultation with the relevant implementing agency and/or government.

Preparation for the Ninth Meeting of the Executive Committee

9. The Secretariat has co-ordinated all the arrangements for the Ninth Meeting of the Executive Committee 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, regional development banks, and NGOs.