

Annex XVIII

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON RENEWAL OF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE 86th MEETING

Armenia

1. The Executive Committee reviewed the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Armenia (phase VII) and noted with appreciation that Armenia had reported country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee further noted that Armenia reviewed ODS regulations and improved control of HCFCs; finalized activities under stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan and coordinated preparation of stage III; and raised public awareness on the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Armenia will continue implementing activities to enable the country to comply with the Montreal Protocol targets. The Committee also noted with appreciation the ratification of the Kigali Amendment by Armenia on 2 May 2019 and the steps undertaken to meet the initial obligations under the Amendment.

Brazil

2. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for Brazil (phase IX) and noted with appreciation that the country reported country programme implementation data to the Fund Secretariat and Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee further noted that the Government of Brazil has taken steps to phase out ODS consumption, in particular the implementation of a ban on the use of HCFC-141b in the foam sector that entered into effect 1 January 2020, and the continued implementation of activities under its HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) in both the manufacturing and servicing sectors. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Brazil will continue implementation of stage II of the HPMP and IS project activities with success in order to achieve the reduction targets set in its HPMP Agreement with the Executive Committee.

Brunei Darussalam

3. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for Brunei Darussalam (phase VII) and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2018 and 2019 country programme implementation data and Article 7 data to the Fund and Ozone Secretariats, respectively, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee also noted that the country maintains an operational licensing and quota system for HCFC import and export control and has strengthened the enforcement of the ODS regulation. The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that while the ratification of the Kigali Amendment is being processed, the amendment of the existing regulation to include HFC import and export control is at the final stage prior to enactment. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Brunei Darussalam will continue implementing its HCFC phase-out activities, enabling activities for HFC phase-down and IS project in a timely and effective manner to enable the country to achieve and sustain compliance with the Montreal Protocol targets.

Cabo Verde

4. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for Cabo Verde (phase VII) and noted with appreciation that Cabo Verde has reported 2018 and 2019 country programme implementation data and Article 7 data to the Fund and Ozone Secretariats, respectively, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee also noted that an operational ODS import/export licensing and HCFC quota system is in place, that activities of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) were implemented in a coordinated manner and that the process for the ratification of the Kigali Amendment was initiated. The

Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Cabo Verde will continue implementing its HPMP, enabling activities for HFC phase-down and IS project in a timely and effective manner to enable the country to achieve and sustain its compliance with the Montreal Protocol targets.

Dominican Republic (the)

5. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for the Dominican Republic (phase XI) and noted with appreciation that the Dominican Republic has complied with its Article 7 data reporting and HCFC phase-out obligations under the Montreal Protocol, and that an operational ODS import/export licensing and HCFC quota system is in place. The Executive Committee further noted that the Dominican Republic submitted the 2018 and 2019 country programme implementation data to the Fund Secretariat in a timely manner. The Executive Committee acknowledged that the country has implemented the programmed activities under its HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP), gained stakeholders' support through steering committee and consultation meetings, and raised the public awareness on ozone layer protection. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Dominican Republic will continue implementing its HPMP and IS project in a timely and effective manner to enable the country to meet the 67.5 per cent reduction by 1 January 2025.

Egypt

6. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Egypt (phase XIII) and noted with appreciation that Egypt had reported country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee further noted that Egypt had taken steps to phase out HCFC consumption, including in cooperation with customs authorities, implementing policies issued by the National Ozone Committee and strict monitoring of HCFC trade through enforcing and strengthening the ODS regulatory framework. The Committee acknowledged the efforts of Egypt to implement stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan and that the ratification of the Kigali Amendment was approved by the relevant ministries. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Egypt will continue implementing activities to enable the country to comply with the Montreal Protocol targets, and that it will deposit its instrument of ratification of the Kigali Amendment in the near future.

Ethiopia

7. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Ethiopia (phase VIII) and noted with appreciation that Ethiopia has reported 2018 and 2019 country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee acknowledged that Ethiopia continued to implement its HCFC import and export licensing and HCFC quota system; carried out training for refrigeration technicians and customs officers; developed and organized public awareness activities. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Ethiopia will continue implementing activities to enable the country to comply with the obligations under the Montreal Protocol. The Committee also noted with appreciation the ratification of the Kigali Amendment by Ethiopia on 5 July 2019 and the steps undertaken to meet the initial obligations under the Amendment.

Fiji

8. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Fiji (phase XI) and noted with appreciation that Fiji has reported 2018 and 2019 country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with Montreal Protocol. The Committee acknowledged that Fiji continued to implement its HCFC licensing and quota system and its HPMP in an efficient and timely manner, continued its efforts in reviewing the ODS laws to include the

control of HFC and HFC blends; implemented capacity building for customs and RAC technicians; inspected for compliance with regulations; and organized awareness and outreach activities. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Fiji will continue implementing activities to enable the country to compliance with the Montreal Protocol targets. The Committee also noted with appreciation the ratification of the Kigali Amendment by Fiji on 16 June 2020 and the steps undertaken to meet the initial obligations under the Amendment.

Ghana

9. The Executive Committee reviewed the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Ghana (phase XIV) and noted with appreciation that Ghana has reported country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee acknowledged that Ghana continued to implement its HCFC licensing and quota system and ensure compliance with regulations through inspection; and to implement efficiently and timely its HCFC phase-out management plan including capacity building for customs officers and refrigeration technicians, and awareness and outreach activities. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Ghana will continue implementing activities to enable the country to comply with the Montreal Protocol targets. The Committee also noted with appreciation the ratification of the Kigali Amendment by Ghana on 2 August 2019 and the steps undertaken to meet the initial obligations under the Amendment including the review of laws to include the control of HFC and HFC blends.

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

10. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for the Islamic Republic of Iran (phase XIII) and noted with appreciation that the country has reported 2018 and 2019 CP data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating its compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee also noted that the Government continued to work with relevant stakeholders to manage and monitor the consumption of ODS, has taken actions to sustain the zero consumption of ODS already phased out, and has established an HCFC licensing and quota systems that allows compliance with the HCFC phase-out schedule. The Committee acknowledged the efforts of the Government and is, therefore, confident that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran will continue implementing its HCFC phase-out management plan and IS project in a timely and effective manner to enable the country to meet the 75 per cent reduction by 1 January 2023, in accordance with its Agreement with the Committee for stage II of the HPMP.

Kenya

11. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Kenya (phase XII) and noted with appreciation that Kenya reported 2018 and 2019 country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee noted that Kenya has taken steps to phase out its consumption of ODS in the reporting period, including ensuring implementation of ODS regulations through the enforcement of HCFC licensing and quota system; training of technicians on good servicing practices; and embarking on public awareness programmes. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Kenya will continue implementing activities to enable the country to comply with the Montreal Protocol targets.

Kyrgyzstan

12. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Kyrgyzstan (phase IX) and noted with appreciation that Kyrgyzstan has reported 2019 country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country has met the phase-out provisions of the

Montreal Protocol and its Agreement with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that Kyrgyzstan will continue the implementation of stage II of the HPMP with success and to achieve and sustain the complete the HCFC phase-out as specified in its Agreement with the Executive Committee. The Committee also noted with appreciation the ratification of the Kigali Amendment by Kyrgyzstan on 8 September 2020 and the steps undertaken to meet the initial obligations under the Amendment including to start preparing an HFC phase-down strategy.

Lebanon

13. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Lebanon (phase XII) and noted with appreciation that Lebanon has reported country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with Montreal Protocol. The Committee acknowledged that Lebanon continued to implement its HCFC licensing and quota system and ensure compliance with regulations through inspection; and to implement efficiently and timely its HCFC phase-out management plan including capacity building for customs officers and refrigeration technicians, and awareness and outreach activities. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Lebanon will continue implementing activities to enable the country to comply with the Montreal Protocol targets. The Committee also noted with appreciation the ratification of the Kigali Amendment by Lebanon on 5 February 2020 and the steps undertaken to meet the initial obligations under the Amendment including the review of the laws to include the control of HFC and HFC blends.

Mauritania

14. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for Mauritania (phase VII) and noted with appreciation that Mauritania has reported 2019 country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee further noted that Mauritania has taken steps to phase out its HCFC consumption through enforcing an operational licensing and quota system, and is, therefore, hopeful that, within the next two years, Mauritania will continue the implementation of its HCFC phase-out management plan and IS project to achieve and sustain compliance with the Montreal Protocol obligations.

Mexico

15. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for Mexico (phase XV) and noted with appreciation that the country met its country programme and Article 7 data reporting obligations for 2018 and 2019, and that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also noted that within the framework of the IS project, Mexico strengthened the capacity of the national ozone unit to control HCFCs and to prepare for the implementation of the Kigali Amendment. The Executive Committee acknowledged the efforts of Mexico to implement its HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) and is, therefore, confident that Mexico will continue activities both at the policy and project levels to reduce HCFC consumption following its HPMP Agreement with the Executive Committee. Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional

Nauru

16. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for Nauru (phase VI) and noted with appreciation that Nauru has reported country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee noted that despite the delays in implementation of phase V, Nauru has taken steps to sustain ODS phase-out achievements by establishing the Ozone Layer Protection Act 2017 and preparing the subsidiary regulation. The Committee acknowledged the efforts of Nauru to reduce the consumption of

HCFCs and prepare for the HFC phase-down, and is, therefore, confident that, within the next two years, Nauru will continue with the effective implementation of stage I and stage II of the HPMP, enabling activities for HFC phase-down and the IS project to enable the country to meet and sustain the Montreal Protocol targets, and to ratify the Kigali Amendment in the near future.

Nicaragua

17. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the IS project for Nicaragua (phase IX) and noted with appreciation that Nicaragua has reported country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee also noted that an operational import/export licensing and quota system is in place, and that the country has trained refrigeration technicians, and customs officers on prevention of illegal trade of ODS; conducted consultation meetings with stakeholders and Steering Committee; raised public awareness on ozone protection and continued the process to ratify the Kigali Amendment. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that Nicaragua will continue implementing its HPMP and IS project in a timely and effective manner to enable the country to meet the 67.5 per cent reduction by 1 January 2025.

Nigeria

18. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Nigeria (phase XI) and noted with appreciation that Nigeria has reported country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with Montreal Protocol. The Committee acknowledged that Nigeria continued to implement its HCFC licensing and quota system and ensure compliance with regulations; to implement efficiently and timely its HCFC phase-out management plan; and to organize awareness and outreach activities. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Nigeria will continue implementing activities to enable the country to comply with the Montreal Protocol targets. The Committee also noted with appreciation the ratification of the Kigali Amendment by Nigeria on 20 December 2018 and the steps undertaken to meet the initial obligations under the Amendment including the review of the laws to include the control of HFC and HFC blends.

Oman

19. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Oman (phase VIII) and noted with appreciation that Oman had reported country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee also noted that Oman re-established its National Ozone Committee, which, in cooperation with the customs authorities continued to monitoring of HCFC trade including allocation of HCFC import quotas. The Executive Committee acknowledge the efforts of Oman to implement stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan and to prepare stage III as well as to implement enabling activities for the HFC phase-down. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Oman will continue implementing activities to enable the country to comply with the Montreal Protocol targets, and that it will deposit its instrument of ratification of the Kigali Amendment in the near future.

Saint Lucia

20. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for Saint Lucia (phase XI) and noted with appreciation that Saint Lucia has reported country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee also noted that Saint Lucia has an operational licensing and quota system, that its HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) is being effectively implemented and mainstreamed into the national planning process, and that the country has taken steps to initiate the ratification of the Kigali

Amendment. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Saint Lucia will continue activities both at the policy and project levels to ensure that its annual HCFC consumption will not exceed the maximum allowable consumption in its HPMP Agreement with the Executive Committee, and that the country will ratify the Kigali Amendment in the near future.

Sri Lanka

21. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for renewal of institutional strengthening (IS) project for Sri Lanka (phase XIII) and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2018 and 2019 country programme implementation data and Article 7 data to the Fund and Ozone Secretariats, respectively, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee also noted that the country strengthened the enforcement of ODS trade control including its licensing and quota system, and implemented activities of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) in a coordinated manner. The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that Sri Lanka ratified the Kigali Amendment in 2018 and that it will be formulating a strategy for its implementation. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Sri Lanka will continue implementing HPMP activities including completion of the verification process, enabling activities for the HFC phase-down and IS project in a timely and effective manner to enable the country to achieve and sustain its compliance with the Montreal Protocol targets.

Suriname

22. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for Suriname (phase VII) and noted with appreciation that Suriname has reported country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. The Committee also noted that Suriname has an operational import/export licensing and quota system in place and is transitioning to an electronic licensing system. The Committee acknowledged the efforts of Suriname to implement its HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) and to initiate the ratification of the Kigali Amendment. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that Suriname will continue implementing its HPMP and IS project in a timely and effective manner to enable the country to achieve and sustain the Montreal Protocol targets.

Turkmenistan

23. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for renewal of the IS project for Turkmenistan (phase V) and noted with appreciation that the country continued the process to ratify the Kigali Amendment, amended the ODS law, maintains a robust licensing and quota system for HCFC, raised public awareness on ozone-layer protection, and reported 2018 and 2019 country programme implementation data and Article 7 data to the Fund and Ozone Secretariats, respectively, indicating that the country is in compliance with Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also noted the submission of stage II of the HPMP accompanied by the request of the IS renewal, and the approval of the last tranche for stage I of the HPMP. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Turkmenistan will continue implementing activities to enable the country to comply with the Montreal Protocol targets.

Viet Nam

24. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Viet Nam (phase XIII) and noted with appreciation that Viet Nam has reported country programme data to the Fund Secretariat and data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with Montreal Protocol. The Committee acknowledged that Viet Nam continued to implement its HCFC licensing and quota system and ensure compliance with regulations through inspection; and to implement efficiently and timely its HCFC phase-out management plan including training activities for customs and refrigeration technicians and

awareness and outreach activities. The Executive Committee is, therefore, confident that the Government of Viet Nam will continue implementing activities to enable the country to comply with the Montreal Protocol targets. The Committee also noted with appreciation the ratification of the Kigali Amendment by Viet Nam on 27 September 2019 and the steps undertaken to meet the initial obligations under the Amendment including reviewing the ODS laws to include the control of HFC and HFC blends.