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COUNTRY PROGRAMME: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

This document consists of:

- Country Programme Evaluation Sheet (prepared by the Fund Secretariat)
- Comments and Recommendations of the Fund Secretariat
- Transmittal Letter from the Government of Central African Republic
- Country Programme Cover Sheet
- Country Programme (Executive Summary)

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FUND SECRETARIAT

COMMENTS

1. The Country Programme conforms to the approved guidelines.

The ODS survey yielded a detailed list of workshops and ODS consuming commercial and industrial refrigeration air conditioning installations and identified the ODS importers as well. The total consumption of 31.2 ODP tonnes is used exclusively in servicing refrigeration and air conditioning equipment. There are no other ODS-consuming activities. One existing flexible foam enterprise phased out the use of CFC-11 using at the moment formulation that includes DME. Although it did a test run with a small quantity of CFC-11 apparently with a view to reuse, it abandoned the attempt due to the status of CFC-11 as a controlled substance.

2. Four projects have been included for funding. They are:

1996-1998	Institutional strengthening	US \$	45,600
1996	Training of Customs Inspectors		16,700
1996-1998	Training of refrigeration technicians		31,500
1997-1998	Recovery of ODS		30,000

Training of Customs Inspectors:

3. It appears that under the circumstances - well defined sources of distribution and users - a single ODS sector and low consumption, the supply side provides the most feasible and cost-effective means of tracking ODS consumption in the country, rather than Customs records. Furthermore representatives of the Customs Department have participated in a similar course organized in Cameroon. Hence, the activity is not being recommended for approval

Training of Refrigeration Technicians and Recovery and Recycling of ODS

4. The training of refrigeration technicians is scheduled for 1996 while the recovery and recycling project is to be developed in 1997. The nature and level of activity in the servicing sector dictate a much more integrated approach. It is therefore recommended that the two projects be redeveloped and integrated into a single project implemented perhaps by one agency.

Institutional Strengthening

5. This activity is considered under UNEP 1995 Work Programme Amendment (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/18/9)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To approve the Central African Republic (CAR) Country Programme. Approval of the country programme does not denote approval of the projects identified therein or their funding levels.
2. Not to approve the amount of US \$16,700 for the training of Customs Officers.
3. To request the Government of CAR in collaboration with an implementing agency to consolidate and redevelop the projects for training of refrigeration technicians and recovery of ODS. Subsequent approval of any project(s) resulting from such exercise is subject to appointment of a project manager under the conditions of approval of institutional strengthening funds for CSR within the UNEP 1995 Work Programme Amendment.
4. To request the Government of CAR to present annually information to the Executive Committee on progress being made in the implementation of the country programme, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee on implementation of country programmes (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/10/40, para 135). Using the approved format, the initial report, covering the period 1 December 1995 to 31 December 1996, should be submitted to the Fund Secretariat not later than 31 March 1997.