

Annex VI

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON RENEWAL OF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE 85th MEETING

Bahrain

1. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for Bahrain (phase X), and noted that Bahrain had reported 2017 and 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee noted that, within the framework of the IS project, Bahrain is on track to achieve the 35 per cent reduction in HCFC consumption and future obligations. The Committee welcomed the ongoing regulatory efforts that will be further enhanced by the implementation of a monitoring system put in place to ensure full compliance and effective control of HCFC consumption through implementation of the HPMP. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, within the next two years, Bahrain will continue the implementation of its HPMP, IS project and enabling activities for HFC phase-down to prepare the country for the 2025 HCFC reduction target and lay the groundwork for ratifying the Kigali Amendment.

Georgia

2. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for the renewal of the IS project for Georgia (phase X) and noted with appreciation that Georgia had reported 2017 and 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol control measures. The Executive Committee acknowledged that Georgia has demonstrated its commitment to the gradual phase-out of HCFC consumption by meeting the 2015 target of 10 per cent reduction in HCFC consumption and further gradual reduction of import and use of HCFCs. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that Georgia will achieve compliance with the control measure to reduce its HCFC consumption by 35 per cent in 2020, based on the implementation of stage I of its HPMP.

Guinea

3. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the IS project for Guinea (phase XI) and noted that Guinea had reported 2017 and 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee noted that Guinea has taken further steps to phase out its ODS consumption, including the implementation of ODS import controls through a licensing and quota system and the training of customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, within the next two years, Guinea will continue the implementation of its HPMP and IS project to sustain compliance with its Montreal Protocol obligations.

Lao People's Democratic Republic

4. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the IS project for the Lao People's Democratic Republic (phase X) and noted that the Lao People's Democratic Republic had reported 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee further noted that the country has taken the initiative to strengthen the enforcement of the ODS licensing system and has shared its experience and lessons learned with other Parties with regard to the establishment and operation of a joint inspection team. The Committee acknowledged that the Lao People's Democratic Republic is finalizing amendments to its ODS legislation

to include HFC import and export controls and to strengthen monitoring and enforcement procedures. The Committee also noted that the refrigeration and air-conditioning (RAC) association has been officially established and encouraged the continuation of collaboration between other stakeholders and RAC association to implement the Montreal Protocol activities. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that the Lao People's Democratic Republic will continue activities at the policy and project levels to enable the country to meet the Montreal Protocol reduction targets.

Lesotho

5. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the IS project for Lesotho (phase X) and noted that Lesotho had reported 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee further noted that Lesotho is implementing a licensing and quota system to control ODS imports and is training customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Committee noted with appreciation that Lesotho ratified the Kigali Amendment in October 2019. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that Lesotho will continue activities at the policy and project levels to enable the country to meet its Montreal Protocol reduction targets.

Libya

6. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Libya (phase VI), and noted with appreciation that Libya had reported 2017 and 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat, indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule and with the plan of action to return to compliance set out in decision XXVII/11. The Executive Committee acknowledged that the national ozone unit has been fully staffed, despite the current political and security situation in the country. Annual HCFC consumption quotas were established and monitored on a regular basis. The Executive Committee expressed its appreciation for Libya's efforts to implement stage I of the HPMP and enabling activities for HFC phase-down and is hopeful that it will maintain the HCFC consumption below the reduction target and remain in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out targets and its commitments based on decision XXVII/11.

Malawi

7. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the IS project for Malawi (phase XII) and noted that Malawi had reported 2018 and 2019 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee further noted that Malawi has taken steps to phase out its ODS consumption by implementing ODS import controls through a licensing and quota system, and through the training of customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, within the next two years, Malawi will continue with the implementation of stage I of the HPMP, IS project and enabling activities for HFC phase-down in order to meet its Montreal Protocol reduction targets.

Maldives

8. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the IS project for the Maldives (phase XI) and noted that the Maldives had reported 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee noted that the Maldives has an operational licensing (including for HFCs) and quota system, and financial incentives to promote zero-ODS, low-GWP alternatives. Capacity-building of servicing technicians has been

organized, including the development of a national certification system for the handling of refrigerants. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, the Maldives will continue the implementation of the IS project, initiate HFC phase-down activities and remain in compliance with the provisions of the Montreal Protocol and the Agreement with the Executive Committee on the implementation of the HPMP.

Mozambique

9. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the IS project for Mozambique (phase IX) and noted that Mozambique had reported 2017 and 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee further noted that Mozambique has taken steps to phase out its ODS consumption, including the implementation of ODS import controls through a licensing and quota system, and the training of customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that Mozambique will continue activities at the policy and project levels to enable the country to meet its Montreal Protocol obligations.

Nepal

10. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the IS project for Nepal (phase XI) and noted that Nepal had reported 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee also noted that Nepal has established an operational licensing and quota system and introduced the ban on the import of HCFC-based equipment, and that capacity-building of service technicians and enforcement officers has been implemented under stage I of the HPMP and will continue in stage II. The Committee acknowledged that Nepal is assessing the introduction of low-GWP alternatives by adopting relevant international standards, and that trainers have received training on management of flammable refrigerants. The Committee noted that the IS project will support the efforts of the country in the coming years to implement the HPMP and enabling activities for HFC phase-down. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that Nepal will continue implementation of HCFC phase-out activities to achieve the Montreal Protocol HCFC reduction targets and national regulations and will ratify the Kigali Amendment over the next two years.

Qatar

11. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the IS project for Qatar (phase V) and noted that Qatar had reported 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee acknowledged ongoing regulatory efforts to ensure full compliance and effective control of HCFC consumption through the implementation of the HPMP. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, within the next two years, Qatar will overcome the challenges faced during phase IV and continue the implementation of its HPMP, enabling activities for HFC phase-down and the IS project to prepare the country for the 2025 HCFC reduction target and lay the groundwork for ratifying the Kigali Amendment.

Seychelles

12. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the IS project for the Seychelles (phase IX) and noted that the Seychelles had reported 2018 and 2019 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee acknowledged the actions taken by the country to ban imports of HCFCs and is hopeful that,

over the next two years, the Seychelles will sustain the total HCFC phase-out in advance of the Montreal Protocol reduction schedule and initiate the HFC phase-down as stipulated in the Kigali Amendment.

Sierra Leone

13. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the IS project for Sierra Leone (phase VIII) and noted that the country reported 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee further noted that Sierra Leone has taken steps to phase out its ODS consumption, including the implementation of import controls through a licensing and quota system, and the training of Customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that Sierra Leone will continue activities at the policy and project levels to enable the country to meet its Montreal Protocol obligations.

Uganda

14. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for renewal of the IS project for Uganda (phase IV) and noted that the country reported 2018 ODS consumption data under Article 7 to the Ozone Secretariat and country programme data to the Fund Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Committee acknowledged that Uganda has incorporated the provisions of the Kigali Amendment in its legal framework and has taken steps to phase out its ODS consumption by implementing ODS import controls through a licensing and quota system, and by training customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that Uganda will continue activities at the policy and project levels to enable the country to meet its Montreal Protocol obligations.