

Annex XI

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON RENEWALS OF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE 56th MEETING

Benin

1. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the Institutional Strengthening Project renewal for Benin and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that its CFC consumption is in compliance with the phase-out schedule and that it has taken significant steps to phase-out its CFC consumption. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Benin will continue with the implementation of its country programme and Terminal Phase-out Management Plan activities with outstanding success to achieve the total phase-out of CFC.

Burkina Faso

2. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the Institutional Strengthening Project renewal for Burkina Faso and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat showing that its CFC consumption in 2007 is below the required 85 per cent reduction. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Burkina Faso will continue with the implementation of its country programme and related activities with outstanding success and achieve total phase-out its ODS consumption ahead of the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule.

Chad

3. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening Project renewal for Chad and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat stating that the country reduced its CFC consumption beyond the 85 per cent target for 2007. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Chad will continue with the implementation of its country programme activities with outstanding success towards the total phase-out of its ODS consumption as stated in the action plan.

China

4. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for China and notes with appreciation the fact that China has successfully achieved the early phase-out of CFC and Halon by 1 July 2007, a full two and half years ahead of MP schedule. In its submission, China has also successfully coordinated with the implementing agencies in managing and monitoring implementation of its various sectoral phase-out plans. China also reported a number of initiatives, including strengthening its capacity for compliance with regulations and improving policy formulation and enforcement. For the next two years, China will continue to strengthen enforcement of existing controls, replicate early phase-out actions in other cities and provinces, and continue to tackle illegal ODS production, trade and consumption. China will also initiate to address the accelerated HCFC phase-out schedule. The Executive Committee expresses the expectation that in the next two years, China will continue the progress achieved, sustain and build upon its current level of CFC reductions to achieve the goal of complete phase-out by 2010, and to meet the reduction schedule in HCFC.

Croatia

5. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Croatia and notes with appreciation that the country reported Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat demonstrating that the Party was in compliance with reduction steps for all controlled substances. The Executive Committee also notes that Croatia 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 Croatia will continue phasing-out ODS with outstanding success.

Dominica

6. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted with the Institutional Strengthening Project renewal request for Dominica and notes with appreciation that the country reported Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat demonstrating that the Party maintained zero consumption of Annex A Group 1 CFCs. With the activities planned for the next phase the Executive Committee also notes that Dominica has a high nationally institutionalized national ozone officer supported through this Institutional Strengthening project. The Executive Committee is hopeful that in the next two years, Dominica will maintain the momentum achieved and complete the activities planned to meet compliance, and initiate activities in HCFCs.

Dominican Republic

7. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Dominican Republic and notes with appreciation that the country reported Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat demonstrating that the Party was in compliance with reduction steps for all controlled substances. With the activities planned for the next phase, the Executive Committee also notes that Dominican Republic is expected to continue reporting zero consumption in methyl bromide and to keep reducing ODSs.

Ecuador

8. The Executive Committee has reviewed the terminal report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Ecuador. The Committee notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Government of Ecuador to continue its ODS phase out efforts through its National ODS phase-out plan (NOPP). However, it also notes with concern the country's continued potential non compliance with the methyl bromide control measures of the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also recognises that the country is doing its utmost to meet the methyl bromide control measures as demonstrated by the identification of an alternative that is currently being tested. It is therefore hopeful that in the next period, the country will be able to reduce its methyl bromide consumption to within its allowable consumption. The Committee is also encouraged by the country's continued success in engaging stakeholders to comply with ODS phase-out policies; and, through its ongoing monitoring, enforcement and public awareness raising activities, and hopes that it will continue making progress towards complete phase-out of CFCs in 2010, as well as reduce other ODS according to their schedule.

Egypt

9. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Egypt and notes with appreciation that it has taken significant steps to phase out its ODS consumption as shown by the 2007 Article 7 data reported to the Ozone Secretariat which is below the maximum allowable consumption for the country under the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also notes Egypt's implementation of strategies in different sectors of ODS phase-out which

has shown good results in implementation. The Committee also takes good note of the country's continued implementation of its regulatory efforts through the licensing and quota system. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Egypt will continue with the implementation of its country programme and the NPP activities with outstanding success to meet full compliance with the 2010 phase out, and will be fully engaged in the initiation of activities to prepare for the development of its HCFC phase-out management plan.

El Salvador

10. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for El Salvador and notes with appreciation that the country reported Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat demonstrating that the Party was in compliance with reduction steps for all controlled substances. The Executive Committee acknowledges with appreciation that El Salvador has ratified the Beijing amendment during the last Phase of the institutional strengthening programme and also notes that the country 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.

Fiji

11. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report of the Institutional Strengthening project extension for Fiji and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that Fiji has maintained its phase-out of CFC consumption since 2000 and also managed to return to compliance with methyl bromide consumption in 2007. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Fiji will continue with the implementation of its country programme, Terminal Phase-out Management Plan and methyl bromide phase-out plan and other activities with outstanding success.

Gabon

12. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the Institutional Strengthening Project renewal for Gabon and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat stating the country reduced its CFC consumption beyond the 85 per cent target for 2007 and other ODS consumption is maintained at zero. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next 2 years, Gabon will continue with the implementation of its country programme activities with outstanding success towards total phase-out of its ODS consumption as stated in the action plan.

Ghana

13. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request for Ghana. The Executive Committee takes note of the fact that Ghana's reported CFC consumption in 2007 shows it to be in compliance with the 85 per cent reduction of CFC consumption under the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also congratulates Ghana for the inclusion of ozone protection concepts into its current environmental impact assessment process thereby requiring permits for new buildings with refrigeration equipment that need to be installed. It also notes that Ghana has initiated activities related to HCFCs as a result of the decisions taken by the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties, as well as decisions from the 55th Executive Committee meeting on HPMP preparation. The Executive Committee greatly appreciates the efforts of Ghana to reduce ODS consumption and is hopeful that in the next two years it will focus on the fulfilment of the Montreal Protocol commitments, especially in relation to the 100 per cent CFC reduction measure.

Guinea

14. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the Institutional Strengthening Project renewal for Guinea and notes with appreciation that the country has reported 2007 data indicating that Guinea has complied with the phase-out schedule in CFC consumption. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Guinea will continue with the implementation of its country programme and refrigerant management plan activities with outstanding success in the reduction of CFC consumption.

Islamic Republic of Iran

15. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information reported for the second year of the Institutional Strengthening Phase VI and the request for Phase VII renewal for the Islamic Republic of Iran and notes with appreciation the fact that the Islamic Republic of Iran has come back to compliance. In its submission, in addition to its successful coordination with implementing agencies in managing and monitoring implementation of phase-out activities, the Islamic Republic of Iran reported a number of initiatives, including: full enforcement of import/export licensing system on CFC and solvents and training of responsible officers from concerned ministries/organizations to facilitate enforcement. It also notes the country's efforts to initiate actions to address the accelerated HCFC freeze and 10 per cent reduction by 2013 and 2015. The Executive Committee greatly appreciates the effort of Islamic Republic of Iran to reduce ODS consumption and expresses the expectation that in the next two years, the Islamic Republic of Iran will continue the progress achieved, sustain and build upon its current level of CFC reductions to achieve complete CFC phase-out in order to comply with the Protocol's reduction schedules and achieve its phase-out targets as stipulated in its Agreement with the Executive Committee, including efforts to prepare HPMP to address the HCFC accelerated freeze and phase-out schedule.

Lao People's Democratic Republic

16. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening project extension for Lao People's Democratic Republic and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that Lao PDR is on track to phase-out its CFC consumption. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Lao PDR will continue with the implementation of its country programme and activities with outstanding success, in particular, on the implementation Terminal Phase-out Management Plan including the phasing out of HCFC.

Lebanon

17. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Lebanon and notes with appreciation the fact of continuous successful actions undertaken despite the conflict and difficult situation in the country. The Executive Committee also appreciates the early data reporting actions to the Ozone Secretariat and Multilateral Fund Secretariat. It also takes note of the fact that Lebanon has met the 2006 and 2007 phase-out targets stipulated in the national phase-out management plan agreement (NPMP). The Executive Committee greatly appreciates the effort of Lebanon to reduce ODS consumption and is hopeful that in the next two years, Lebanon will continue the progress achieved, sustain and build upon its current level of CFC reductions to achieve the goal of complete CFC phase-out by 2010, complying with the Protocol's reduction schedules and achieve its phase-out targets stipulated in the NPMP.

Maldives

18. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening project extension for Maldives and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone

Secretariat indicating that Maldives is on track to phase-out its CFC consumption. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Maldives will continue with the implementation of its country programme and activities with outstanding success, in particular, on the implementation Terminal Phase-out Management Plan including the phasing out of HCFC.

Mali

19. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening Project renewal for Mali and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat showing that it reduced its CFC consumption in 2005 beyond the required 50 per cent reduction. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Mali will continue with the implementation of its country programme and related activities with outstanding success towards total phase-out its ODS consumption as stated ahead Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule.

Nepal

20. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report of the Institutional Strengthening project extension for Nepal and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that Nepal is on track to phase-out its CFC consumption. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Nepal will continue with the implementation of its country programme and activities with outstanding success, in particular, on the implementation Terminal Phase-out Management Plan including the phasing out of HCFC.

Oman

21. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Oman and notes with appreciation that Oman reported data to the Ozone Secretariat, as at end 2007, which was well within the control measures of the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also notes that within the framework of the institutional strengthening project, Oman has taken significant steps to fully implement its Terminal Phase-out Management Plan and its RMP. The Executive Committee is also encouraged by the continued efforts of the country to implement its import /export licensing system. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Oman will continue with the implementation of TPMP activities with outstanding success to achieve complete phase-out of CFCs and Halons by January 2010 and to meet freeze levels of HCFCs.

Togo

22. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the Institutional Strengthening Project renewal and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the phase-out schedule in CFC consumption. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Togo will continue with the implementation of its country programme and refrigerant management plan activities with outstanding success in the reduction of CFC consumption.

Tuvalu

23. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening project for Tuvalu and notes with appreciation that the country has returned to compliance with the recent submission of the 2006 and 2007 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat. The Executive Committee also notes with appreciation that Tuvalu has maintained the phase-out of its CFC consumption since 2000 and would like to congratulate Tuvalu for having passed the Ozone Layer Protection Act in 2008. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that Tuvalu will be able to maintain its zero consumption of

CFCs in order to meet the 2010 phase-out obligations and continue with the implementation of its activities with outstanding success.

Uruguay

24. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Uruguay and notes with appreciation that it has continued the implementation of the different investment projects in the country, notably on methyl bromide where an accelerated phase-out is foreseen. The Executive Committee also appreciates the activities of the country in ensuring the strict implementation of its licensing system as well as its efforts to develop a more efficient automated on-line system for permit applications. It also notes the country's efforts to initiate HCFC activities in preparation for its HCFC phase-out management plan. The Executive Committee greatly appreciates the effort of Uruguay to reduce ODS consumption and expresses the expectation that in the next two years, Uruguay will continue the progress achieved, sustain and build upon its current level of CFC reductions to achieve the goal of complete CFC phase-out by 2010, complying with the Protocol's reduction schedules and achieve its phase-out targets stipulated in the national phase-out management

Venezuela

25. The Executive Committee has reviewed the terminal report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Venezuela and notes with appreciation the achievements made by Venezuela's National Ozone Unit during the implementation of the eighth phase. In particular the Executive Committee notes the progress made by Venezuela towards maintaining the 50 per cent reduction in CFC consumption achieved in 2005, achieving the 85 per cent reduction in CFC consumption in 2007 and the implementation of phase-out projects in key ODS-consuming and producing sectors, including the National CFC Phase-out Plan and the CFC production facility closure project. The Executive Committee commends the Government of Venezuela for its achievements during the current phase and expresses the expectation that, in the next two years, Venezuela will continue the implementation of its programmed activities with outstanding progress, and will sustain and build upon its current levels of reductions in CFCs.