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Interim Multilateral Fund for the
Implementation of the Montreal Protocol

Fifth Meeting
Montreal, 18-22 November 1991

REPORT BY THE FUND SECRETARIAT

This document reports on activities undertaken by the Fund Secretariat since June 1991. It also records the status of contributions and disbursements as of 30 September 1991.

A. Activities

Documentation for the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee

The Secretariat has prepared the following documents:

1. Revised Draft Report of the fourth meeting of the Executive Committee (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/4/13/Rev.1);
2. Standard format for country programmes (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/5/5);
3. Bilateral and regional co-operation (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/5/11); and
4. Contribution in kind (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/5/12).

Information Brochure on the Interim Multilateral Fund

The Secretariat received comments only from Canada on the draft brochure which it prepared for discussion at the fourth meeting of the Executive Committee. These comments were taken into consideration in the final text to be distributed during the fifth meeting of the Committee.

Bilateral Co-operation

The Secretariat has sent letters to Parties contributing to the Fund (Annex I) enquiring about the level and extent of bilateral co-operation with Parties operating under Article 5. Five countries indicated that they do not have ongoing bilateral activities, one country informed UNEP that it is withholding US \$689,161 for such co-operation.

Country Programmes

1. The preparation of country programmes is one of the activities common to the work programmes of the three implementing agencies. The Secretariat found it necessary to develop a standard format to assist Article 5 countries in the preparation of their country programmes. If approved by the Executive Committee, this format will save time and money to all concerned. The document (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/5/5) consists of four parts: an information cover note; the standard format; criteria for evaluation of country programmes; and country programme cover sheet.

2. The Secretariat sent letters to all Article 5 countries enquiring about the status of preparation of their country programmes (Annex II). Responses were received from two countries. Mexico has submitted its country programme to the Fund Secretariat (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/5/6), and Malaysia indicated that its programme will be ready before the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee.

Projects

The Fund Secretariat was invited by the World Bank to send its comments on proposals for two small projects from Mexico (CFC-12 Recycling from Mobile Air Conditioning Systems, and Elimination of CFC Aerosol Propellants). These comments were communicated to the World Bank.

Participation at Meetings

The Chief Officer represented the Fund Secretariat at the following meetings:

1. The Informal Advisory Group meeting organized by UNEP which took place on 29 July 1991 in UNEP's IEO office in Paris. The meeting discussed the various activities in UNEP's 1991 work programme;
2. Second Montreal Protocol Implementing Agency Coordinating Meeting. The meeting was held in the World Bank offices in Washington, D.C. on 8 October 1991;
3. Meeting with Mexican Government officials and industry representatives in Mexico City on 21-22 October 1991. The meeting was attended by the Chairman of the Executive Committee and by representatives of the three implementing agencies. Government of Mexico officials briefed the meeting on policy and strategy matters regarding the implementation of the Montreal Protocol. Industry representatives made presentations on their responses to government policy and strategy into an action plan. The Chief Officer made a short presentation on the Fund's activities and responded to questions from participants. Visits were arranged to one CFC producing facility and to one user company. In a separate meeting, Mr. Patricio Chirinos, the Secretary of Urban Development and Ecology, reiterated his government's position to accelerate the phase-out schedule of controlled substances.
4. Meeting in the Secretariat with Mr. Eduardo Lopez, the representative of Venezuela (25-26 July 1991). Discussions focused on: implementation of the Protocol in the Latin America and the Caribbean region, bilateral and in-kind contributions, project proposal from Venezuela and the regional workshop proposed by UNEP for the Latin America and the Caribbean region to be held in Caracas early 1992.

Agreements

1. The Secretariat has followed up on the status of the "Host Country Agreement" with the Government of Canada and UNEP.
2. The Secretariat has received and commented on the draft text of proposed agreement between the Executive Committee and UNEP as treasurer of the Fund (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/5/4).

Work Programmes

The Fund Secretariat received draft work programmes of the three implementing agencies. Comments on these drafts were communicated to the agencies. Activities and associated budgets included in 1991 and 1992 work programmes are presented in a matrix form as Annex III. This format was proposed by the Secretariat for the fourth meeting of the Executive Committee.

Administration

1. Staff recruitment

The Secretariat is staffed at the present time by three professional officers (including the Chief Officer), one administrative assistant, three secretaries and one registry clerk. The Chief of UNEP's Recruitment Unit travelled to Montreal (travel & per diem cost was charged to programme support cost for 1991) to speed up the evaluation of applicants for the six remaining professional posts. The short list of candidates developed by the Secretariat for five posts was approved by UNEP's Appointment and Promotion Panel and by the Executive Director of UNEP. Several candidates for the posts of Deputy Chiefs and Programme Officers were interviewed by the Chief Officer. Firm offers were made by UNEP to five candidates to join the Secretariat on 1 December 1991. Due to lack of qualified applicants for the post of Information Officer, UNEP was requested to re-advertise the post (Annex IV). The staffing structure of the Secretariat is presented in Annex V. The remaining four general service vacancies have been recently advertised with the assistance of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

2. Procurement of Equipment

Seven personal computers have been acquired by the Secretariat, with word processing facility in five UN languages. The remaining computers will be acquired once the rest of the professional staff joins the Secretariat. The Secretariat is grateful to ICAO for the assistance it rendered in choosing, acquiring and installing the system.

3. Preparation for the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee

The Secretariat has co-ordinated all the arrangements for the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee including hiring of conference staff (interpreters, translators, etc.) and provision of other logistics. Letters of invitation and meeting documentation have been sent to members of the Executive Committee, implementing agencies and regional development banks.

B. Status of Fund

Contributions to the Fund, received by UNEP, as at 30 September 1991, amounted to US \$ 21,550,526 which represents approximately 40 per cent of the pledge for 1991. Annex VI provides details of contributions received as reported by UNEP as well as a graphic representation of the status of contributions over the period January - September 1991.

Status of Fund (as at 30 September 1991)

	US \$
I. Income:	
1. Contributions, as at 30.09.1991	21,550,526
2. Interest accrued (as of 30.09.1991)	232,038
Total income	21,782,564
II. Commitments & Disbursements to:	
1. Secretariat (1991 & 1992 budgets)	3,528,513
2. Prog. support cost for 1991 & 1992	174,330
3. Disbursement to UNDP	1,261,800
4. Disbursement to UNEP	1,676,920
5. Disbursement to World Bank	5,000,000
Total commitments & disbursements	11,641,563
III. Balance	10,141,001

The Secretariat has alerted the Executive Director of UNEP, as Treasurer, of a possible short-fall in funds if the work programmes of the implementing agencies are approved for 1992 (Annex VII). A copy of the follow-up letter by UNEP's Executive Director's letter to contributing Parties is attached (Annex VIII).

23 September, 1991

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Decision II/8 in the report of the Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer (London, 27-29 June 1980) to establish the Interim Financial Mechanism. The Interim Multilateral Fund as part of this financial mechanism is to provide financial and technical cooperation to Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol to enable their compliance with the control measures set out in Articles 2A to 2E of the Protocol. Bilateral co-operation may, up to twenty percent and consistent with any criteria specified by decision of the Parties, be considered as a contribution to the Multilateral Fund, provided that such cooperation as a minimum: strictly relates to compliance with the Provisions of the Protocol; provides additional resources; and meets agreed incremental costs."

The Executive Committee of the Interim Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol is requested under its terms of references to assess annually whether the contributions through bilateral cooperation, including particular regional cases, comply with the criteria set out by the Parties for consideration as part of the contributions to the Multilateral Fund.

In order to enable the Executive Committee to make this assessment, you are kindly invited to provide the Fund Secretariat with the relevant information pertaining to the extent and level of bilateral assistance you may have rendered to paragraph 1 Article 5 parties.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Omar E. El-Arini
Chief Officer

3 September 1991

Dear Sir,

This is a follow-up on our letter dated 7 June 1991 concerning your country's participation in the activities of the Interim Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

We would appreciate having any information about the steps taken by your Government in formulating its country programme.

Under the terms of references of the Interim Multilateral Fund, preparation of a country programme may be financed from the Fund resources. For the preparation of your country programme your Government may seek assistance from one of the implementing agencies of the Interim Multilateral Fund (the World Bank, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme), or through bilateral co-operation with other governments, inter-governmental organizations and other international agencies.

A country programme, when approved by the Executive Committee, shall serve as a basis for further specific project preparation to give assistance to your country to comply with the Montreal Protocol's control measures.

However, individual projects prepared prior to the completion of a country programme shall also qualify for funding if consistent with project eligibility criteria, which have been approved by the Executive Committee at its Third meeting (Montreal 15-19 April 1991).

For your easy reference I am sending, herewith, "Framework for activities supported by the Fund" and "Project eligibility criteria" as part of the implementation guidelines and criteria for project selection.

The Secretariat of the Interim Multilateral Fund is anxious to assist your Government by answering any queries concerning this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Omar E. El-Arini
Chief Officer

SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES WORK PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED BUDGETS (1991)

		WORLD BANK								UNDP						UNEP					TOTAL
COUNTRY (Region)	ODS Consumption MT (yr)	CS/CP, PROJ. PREP		PRE-INV PROJECT		INV PROJECT		Agency SUBTOTAL 1000 US\$	CS / CP		PRE-INV PROJECT		TRAINING & TECH. ASSIT 1000 US\$	Agency SUBTOTAL 1000 US\$	CS / CP		CLEARING HOUSE 1000 US\$	REGIONAL WORKSHOPS 1000 US\$	Agency SUBTOTAL 1000 US\$	TOTAL COUNTRY 1000 US\$	
		Budget 1000 US\$	Start/End Dates	Budget 1000 US\$	Start/End Dates	Budget 1000 US\$	Start/End Dates		Budget 1000 US\$	Start/End Dates	Budget 1000 US\$	Start/End Dates			Budget 1000 US\$	Start/End Dates					
Argentina	5766 (86)							0	25					25						0	25
Bangladesh		25.5	06/81-06/82					25.5	30	05/81-			25	55						0	80.5
Brazil	11247 (86)	114.5						114.5						0						0	114.5
Burkina Faso								0						0						0	0
Cameroon	125-175 (80)							0						0						0	0
Chile	1120 (89)	283.9	05/81-01/82					283.9						0						0	283.9
China	32500 (89)	184						184						0						0	184
Costa Rica								0	20					20						0	20
Ecuador	616 (86)	132.4	03/81-10/82					132.4						0						0	132.4
Egypt	1830 (80)	200	07/81-01/82					200			65		61	126						0	326
Fiji	70 (86)							0						0						0	0
Gambia								0						0						0	0
Ghana	152 (80)	26.3	03/81-					26.3					99	99						0	128.3
Guatemala								0						0						0	0
Iran	4400 (80)							0	33.35					33.35						0	33.35
Jordan	771 (89)	49.5	09/81-04/82					49.5					29.6	29.6						0	79.1
Kenya	370 (80)	31.4	03/81-					31.4					115.1	115.1						0	146.5
Libia								0						0						0	0
Malawi								0						0						0	0
Malaysia	4026 (89)	54.5	04/81-12/82					54.5					50	50						0	104.5
Maldives								0						0	25	07/81-12/91			25	25	
Mexico	8363	104.2	01/81-09/82					104.2			50	10/81-		50						0	154.2
Nigeria	3500-4000 (89)	212.8						212.8					49.65	49.65						0	262.45
Panama	304 (86)							0						0						0	0
Philippines	4100 (80)	30.7	09/81					30.7					64	64						0	94.7
Sri Lanka	258 (86)	23.3	06/81-06/82					23.3						0						0	23.3
Syria	1409 (86)							0						0	25	07/81-12/91			25	25	
Thailand	5035 (89)	63.3	04/81-12/81					63.3					50	50						0	113.3
Togo	300 (86)							0						0						0	0
Trinidad & Tobago		194.4	01/81-01/82					194.4			53.8			53.8						0	248.2
Tunisia	800 (86)	123.1	08/81-11/81					123.1						0						0	123.1
Turkey	4300 (81)							0						0						0	0
Uganda								0						0	25	07/81-12/91			25	25	
Uruguay	330 (86)							0	13.05					13.05						0	13.05
Venezuela	3506 (89)	100.7	07/81-					100.7					30	30						0	130.7
Yugoslavia	5800 (81)	41.7	10/81-06/82					41.7						0						0	41.7
Zambia								0												0	0
Admin. Costs								320						111.85						164.67	596.52
COLUMN TOTAL	101004-101554	2680				2000		5000	121.4		168.8		573.35	1261.8	150		596	738	1848.67		
GRAND TOTAL																					7910.47

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES WORK PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED BUDGETS (1992)

		WORLD BANK							UNDP							UNEP					TOTAL
COUNTRY (Region)	ODS Consumption MT (yr)	CP/Studies/Proj. Prep.		PRE-INV PROJECT		INV PROJECT		Agency SUBTOTAL 1000 US\$	CS / CP		PRE-INV PROJECT		TRAINING & TECH. ASSIT 1000 US\$	Agency SUBTOTAL 1000 US\$	CS / CP		CLEARING HOUSE 1000 US\$	REGIONAL WORKSHO 1000 US\$	Agency SUBTOTAL 1000 US\$	TOTAL PER COUNTRY 1000 US\$	
		Budget 1000 US\$	Start/End Dates	Budget 1000 US\$	Start/End Dates	Budget 1000 US\$	Start/End Dates		Budget 1000 US\$	Start/End Dates	Budget 1000 US\$	Start/End Dates									
Argentina	5786 (86)	148.337	01/83-03/83					148.337						0					0	148.337	
Bangladesh *								0						0					0	0	
Brazil	11247 (86)	276.058	02/82-07/82	300	07/82-11/82	2260	07/82-11/82	2836.058						0					0	2836.058	
Burkina Faso								0						0	30				30	30	
Cameroon	125-175 (80)							0						0	30				30	30	
Chile	1120 (89)	181.878	01/82-02/82			80	10/82-11/82	271.878						0					0	271.878	
China	32500 (89)	234.67	04/82-			3000	07/82-11/82	3234.67						0					0	3234.67	
Costa Rica								0			180		180	0					0	180	
Ecuador	618 (86)	171.128	-11/81			1500	07/82-11/82	1671.128						0					0	1671.128	
Egypt	1830 (80)	255.353	-01/82	300	01/82-11/82			555.353						0					0	555.353	
Figi	70 (86)							0						0					0	0	
Gambi								0						0					0	0	
Ghana	152 (80)							0			347		347	0					0	347	
Guatemala								0						0					0	0	
Iran	4400 (80)							0						0	30				30	30	
Jordan	771 (89)	119.948	-04/82					119.948					222	222					0	341.948	
Kenya	370 (80)							0	20		130		20	170					0	170	
Libia								0						0					0	0	
Malawi								0						0					0	0	
Malaysia	4028 (89)	113.77				2020	07/82-11/82	2133.77						0					0	2133.77	
Maldives								0						0					0	0	
Mexico	8363	292.076		150	01/82-11/82	2250	07/82-11/82	2692.076						0					0	2692.076	
Nigeria	3500-4000 (89)	415.333	07/82-04/83					415.333	25		100		140	265					0	680.333	
Panama	304 (86)							0						0					0	0	
Philippines	4100 (80)	113.518	-02/82	300	01/82-11/82	1500	07/82-11/82	1813.518	150		200		100	450					0	2363.518	
Sri Lanka *	258 (86)							0						0					0	0	
Syria	1409 (86)							0						0					0	0	
Thailand	5035 (89)	122.342	08/82-08/82	360	01/82-11/82	2260	07/82-11/82	2742.342						0					0	2742.342	
Togo	300 (86)		12/81					0						0	30				30	30	
Trinidad & Tobago		82.954				300	07/82-11/82	382.954						0					0	382.954	
Tunisia	800 (86)	187.512	01/82-08/82					187.512						0					0	187.512	
Turkey	4300 (81)	231.202	-03/82					231.202						0					0	231.202	
Uganda								0						0					0	0	
Uruguay	330 (86)							0						0	30				30	30	
Venezuela	3508 (89)	168.646	02/82-03/82			1500	07/82-11/82	1668.646						0					0	1668.646	
Yugoslavia	5800 (81)	136.087	08/82-08/82					136.087						0					0	136.087	
Zambia								0						0					0	0	
Admin. Costs								1347.55						0					323	1672.55	
COLUMN TOTAL	10100.4 - 10155.4	3261.816		1410		16670		22689.368	185		967		482	1844	180		1265	1055	2825		
GRAND TOTAL																				27158.4	

* Program / Project has been transferred to UNDP per agreement

United Nations **Environment Programme**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Post: Information Officer
 Secretariat of the Interim Multilateral
 Fund for Ozone Layer Protection
 under the Montreal Protocol

Level: P-3
 Vacancy No. NA-91-22
 Duty Station: Montreal
 (Canada)
 Entry on duty: 1 Dec. 1991

At the Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer held in June 1990 a decision was taken to establish an Interim Financial Mechanism including a Multilateral Fund to:

- (a) Meet, on a grant or concessional basis as appropriate, and according to criteria to be decided upon by the Parties, the agreed incremental costs;
- (b) Finance clearing-house functions to:
 - (i) Assist Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5, through country-specific studies and other technical co-operation, to identify their needs for co-operation;
 - (ii) Facilitate technical co-operation to meet these identified needs;
 - (iii) Distribute, as provided for in Article 9 of the Protocol, information and relevant materials, and hold workshops, training sessions and other related activities for the benefit of Parties that are developing countries, and
 - (iv) Facilitate and monitor other multilateral regional and bilateral co-operation available to Parties that are developing countries, and
- (c) Finance the secretarial services of the Multilateral Fund and related support costs.

The Multilateral Fund operates under the authority of an Executive Committee appointed by the conference of Parties. The Fund Secretariat assists the Executive Committee in the discharge of its functions.

Functions:

Under the overall guidance and supervision of the Chief Officer of the Fund Secretariat, the Information Officer will be responsible for planning and implementing an information programme. The incumbent will:

- (1) be responsible for developing and maintaining information exchanges relating to the protection of the ozone layer with implementing agencies, multilateral, regional and non-governmental organizations through press releases, spot radio and television announcement, interviews, and other relevant media; brief visitors on issues pertinent to the Multilateral Fund on occasions;

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- (2) assist in the development and implementation of a data and information management system by writing, rewriting and editing of information material for dissemination; draft documents, leaflets and pamphlets on questions relating to the Fund's activities;
- (3) ensure complete and rapid response to direct and indirect information and data requests from Parties to the Montreal Protocol to promote better understanding of its objectives and activities; study and suggest further information and data-base linkups with existing United Nations information systems;
- (4) assist the Chief Officer in information, documentation and reporting aspects of programme development by evaluating the relative effectiveness of approaches chosen to reach the public and advise on further coverage of specific programmes and topics;
- (5) Act as resource person by assisting the Deputy Chief Officer in collating all relevant information on the various technologies related to ozone-depleting substances and their substitutes;
- (6) prepare documentation for and organize meetings of the Executive Committee, Sub-committees and those of the Contracting Parties to the Montreal Protocol; follow up meetings by compiling analytical reports;
- (6) perform any other tasks assigned by the Chief Officer or his Deputy.

Qualifications:

First university degree in journalism, liberal arts, international relations, communication or political science. Some experience in library work including use of computer systems and related software. Eight years' working experience after graduation in information field including scientific and technical information, development of publications media training programmes. Familiarity with UN an asset. Experience in environmental matters, international organizations, non-governmental or industrial organizations in developing countries desirable. Fluency in English essential and good working knowledge of French desirable. Knowledge of any other UN language(s) an asset.

Salary plus Post Adjustment (Net per annum) in US Dollars

<u>At dependency rate</u>	<u>At single rate</u>
P-3/1 33,547 + 13,016.24	31,325 + 12,154.1
Post adjustment*	Post adjustment

- Plus 60 days paid leave every two years; education grant up to \$8,250.00 per child per academic year for expatriate candidates.

Deadline for application:
11 September 1991

Send to: The Chief
Recruitment Unit
UNEP
P.O. Box 30552
Nairobi
Kenya
Fax No. (2542)520-711

Vacancy notice issued:
17 July 1991

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This vacancy may meanwhile be filled by a staff member or by a candidate from the roster.

Appointment against this post is limited to service within the United Nations Environment Programme.

Qualified women candidates are encouraged to apply.

Candidates are requested to quote vacancy No. NA-91-22 and to attach an up-dated United Nations Personal History form available from nearest UN Office or on request from this office. If UN form is unavailable, a detailed curriculum vitae including birth date, nationality and knowledge of languages should be submitted.

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

INTERIM MULTILATERAL FUND

SECRETARIAT

1. CHIEF
NA-90-31
Dr. O. El-Arini (Egypt)

2. Deputy Chief
NA-91-21
Mr. H. Wakai (Japan)

3. Deputy Chief
NA-91-07
Dr. K.R. Hope (Guyana)

4. Programme Officer
NA-91-23
Mr. E. Ganem-Musi (Mexico)

5. Programme Officer
NA-21-24
Mr. A. Reed (USA)

6. Programme Officer
NA-91-25
Mr. A. Abrokwa-Ampadu (Ghana)

7. Administrative Officer
NA-91-08
Mr. T. Subramanian (India)

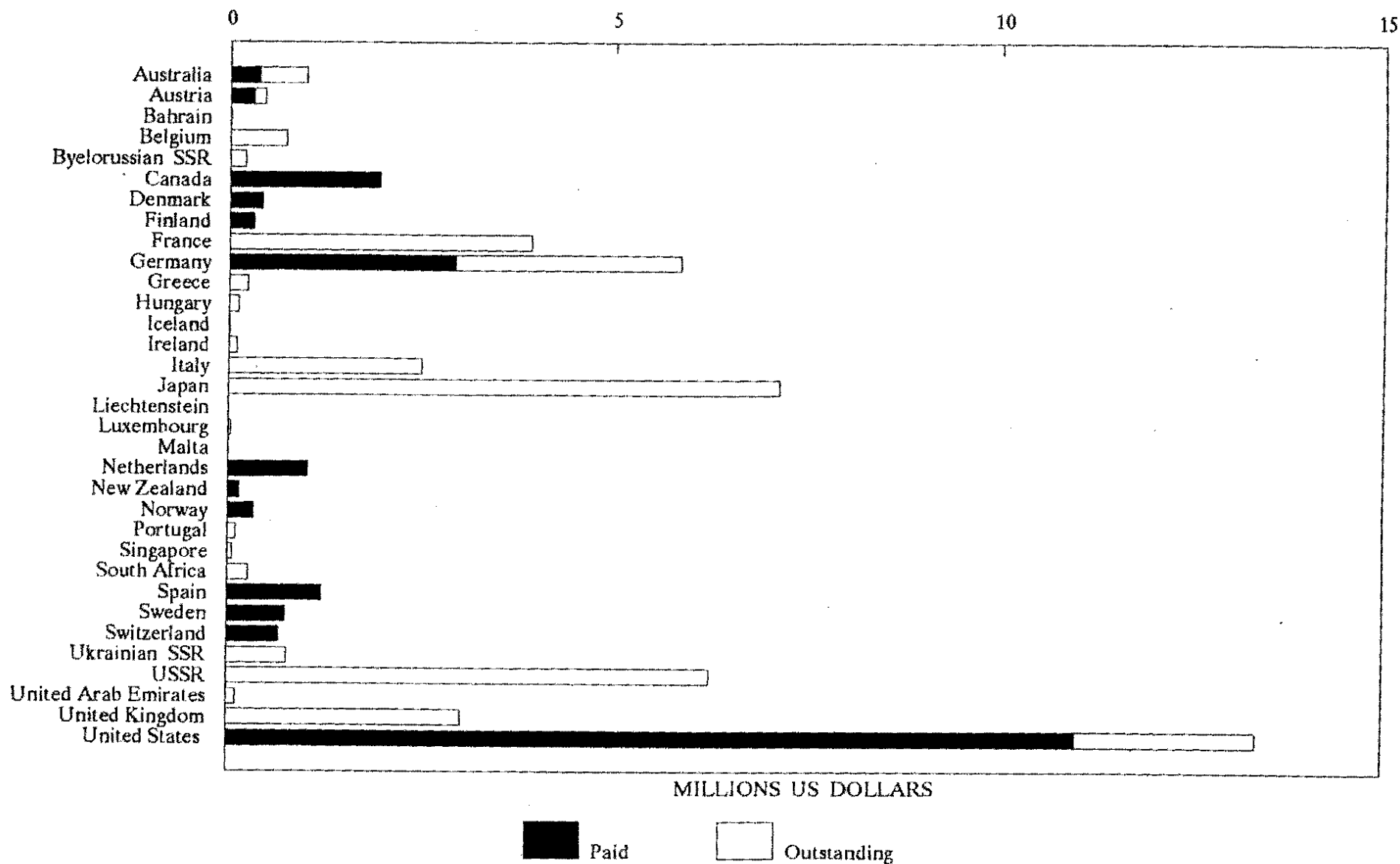
8. Programme Officer
Mr. V. Smirnov (USSR)

9. Information Officer
NA-91-22
VACANT

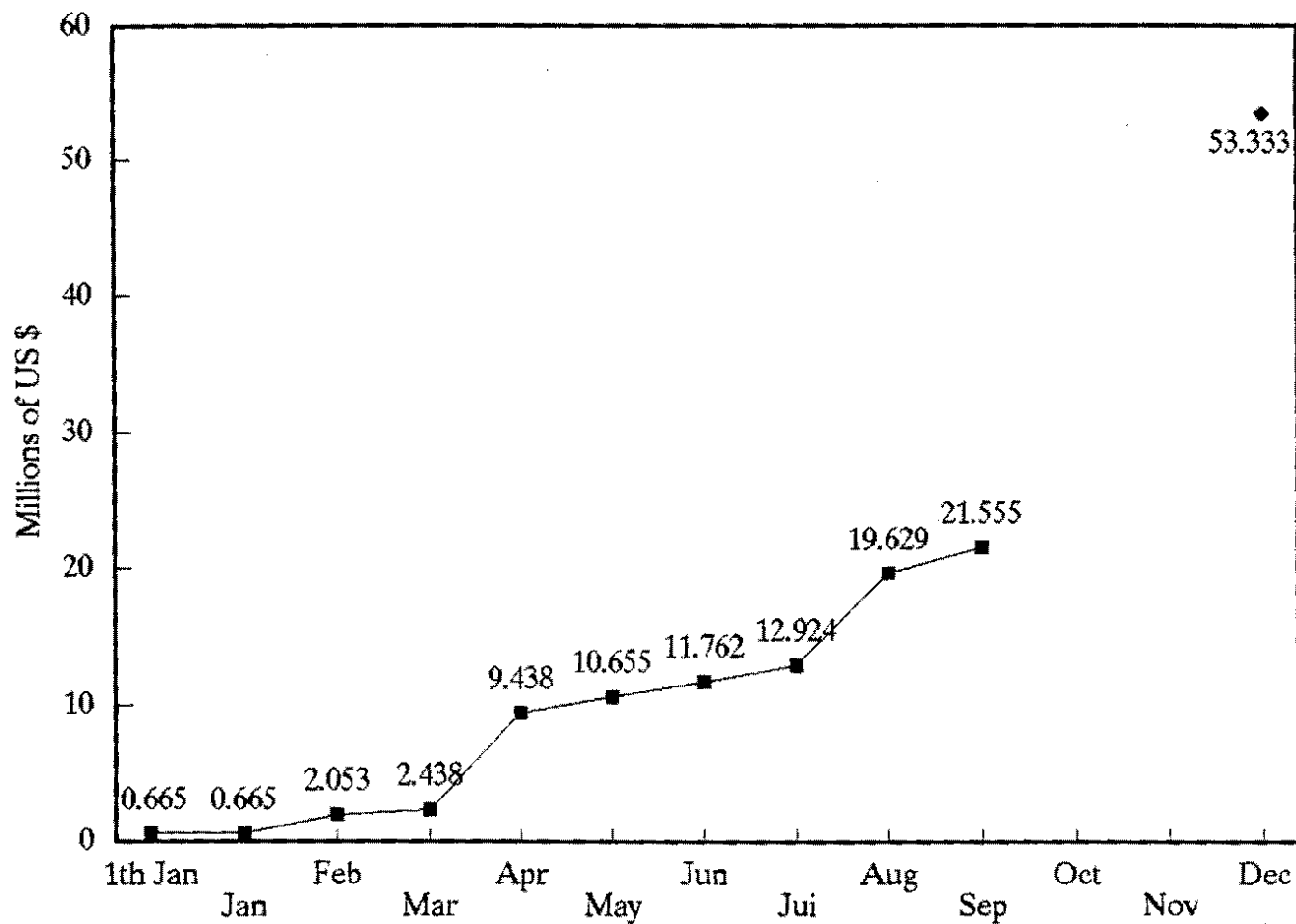
Interim Multilateral Fund for the Implementation
of the Montreal Protocol
(as at 30.9.91)

	<u>1991 Pledge</u>	<u>Paid for 1991</u>	<u>Outstanding for</u>
	<u>US \$</u>	<u>US \$</u>	<u>1991</u>
			<u>US \$</u>
Australia	905,407	387,800	597,607
Austria	464,459	308,747	155,712
Bahrain	12,553	-	12,553
Belgium	734,348	-	734,348
Byelorussian SSR	207,124	-	207,124
Canada	1,939,432	1,939,432	-
Denmark	433,077	433,077	-
Finland	320,100	320,100	-
France	3,922,799	-	3,922,799
Germany	5,874,784	2,937,324	2,937,460
Greece 2/	251,059	-	251,059
Hungary	131,806	-	131,806
Iceland	18,829	18,829	-
Ireland	112,977	-	112,977
Italy	2,504,315	-	2,504,315
Japan	7,142,633	-	7,142,633
Liechtenstein	6,276	6,276	-
Luxembourg	37,659	-	37,659
Malta	6,276	6,264	12
Netherlands	1,035,619	1,035,619	-
New Zealand	150,635	150,635	-
Norway	345,206	345,206	-
Portugal	112,977	-	112,977
Singapore	69,041	-	69,041
South Africa	282,442	-	282,442
Spain	1,223,913	1,223,913	-
Sweden	759,454	759,454	-
Switzerland	677,860	677,860	-
Ukrainian SSR	784,560	-	784,560
USSR	6,270,202	-	6,270,202
United Arab Emirates	119,253	-	119,253
United Kingdom	3,050,369	-	3,050,369
United States of America	13,333,333	1,000,000	
		5,000,000	
		2,500,000	
		2,500,000	2,333,333
TOTAL	53,320,777	21,550,536	31,770,241

1991 CONTRIBUTIONS



1991 Status of Contributions to the Fund



25 September 1991

Dear Dr. Tolba,

I have the honour to refer to Decision II/8 of the Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol establishing the Interim Multilateral Fund, and to the request made by the Executive Committee at its first meeting to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to administer the Fund. Reference is also made to the agreements between the Executive Committee and the three implementing agencies (UNDP, UNEP, World Bank) approved by it during its fourth meeting, and to the 1991 budget allocations to the Fund Secretariat (\$1,419,653) and the implementing agencies (\$7,938,720) approved by the Committee during its third and fourth meetings.

Funds contributed to the Interim Multilateral Fund as of 30 August 1991 amount to \$19,629,934, the outstanding contributions for 1991 being \$33,690,843. The implementing agencies were requested by the Executive Committee at its fourth meeting to submit their 1992 work programmes to the fifth meeting of the Committee on 18-22 November 1991. The Fund Secretariat has been apprised of, by one implementing agency that the estimated budget for its 1992 work programme will be in excess of \$60 million. If approved by the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee, activities in such a work programme cannot be implemented unless disbursement of funds will have been made up front as stipulated in the agreements between the Executive Committee and the implementing agencies referred to above.

If the level of funding remains at the current rate, and taking into consideration that about \$10 million is the present balance, there might not be enough resources for the implementing agencies to start activities in their 1992 work programmes.

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In its efforts to pre-empt facing the eventuality of shortfall in financial resources, the Fund Secretariat would like to seek the assistance of UNEP, in its capacity as Treasurer of the Fund, to secure the payment of contributions pledged by the Parties for 1991. As the Fund is entering the crucial phase of implementation of projects in Article 5 paragraph 1 Parties, which will inevitably require the availability of funds, it behoves the contributing Parties to appoint a time schedule for the payment of their current and future contributions.

On the other hand, the recent development in the USSR must result in re-evaluating the scale of its contribution to the Fund, albeit in-kind. The Fund Secretariat will be most grateful if made cognizant of the new levels of such contribution, as the issue of contribution in-kind will be on the agenda of the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Omar E. El-Arini
Chief Officer

cc: H.E. Ambassador J.A. Mateos
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Attached herewith is a letter to Governments regarding the contributions to the Interim Multilateral Fund. Please follow up from your end with copy to this office.

Thank you.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the status of your Government's contribution to the Interim Multilateral Fund for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol.

By decision II/8 of the Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer, held in London 20-29 June 1990, Parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol undertook to pay contributions to the Interim Multilateral Fund as set out in the Report of the Second Meeting (ref. UNEP/Ozl.Pro.2/3). Despite such undertakings, as at the end of September 1991, only US\$21.15 million had been paid out of the total agreed 1991 contributions of US\$53.33 million, leaving a balance of some US\$32.2 million outstanding as at that date.

At their meeting in Nairobi, 27-29 June 1991, the Executive Committee of the Parties charged with the supervision of the Interim Multilateral Fund approved initial 1991 programmes for the three implementing agencies, the World Bank, UNDP and UNEP and for the costs of the Secretariat totalling US\$9.36 million. The Executive Committee plans now to meet in Montreal from 18-21 November 1991 to consider programmes for implementation in 1992 which total some US\$103 million.

This letter has been sent, to the official channels of communication of the following countries: AUSTRIA/BAHRAIN/HUNGARY/IRELAND/ITALY/JAPAN/PORTUGAL/SINGAPORE/SOUTH AFRICA/UKRAIN/USSR/UNITED ARAB EMIRATES and UK, plus copy to Focal Points and Res. Rep. where applicable.

N.B. Country initials were added, against the Reference number.

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Under the terms of reference of the Fund, the Executive Committee will, however, only be able to commit programmes for 1992 within the limits of the funding available at that time, or on the basis of contributions firmly assured for payment on specified dates. Without such firm assurances of contributions, programme of action to enable the compliance with the control measures set out in Articles 2A and 2E of the Protocol in countries falling within paragraph 1, Article V, as agreed in London, cannot proceed as was envisaged at that time. This is a situation which I regard as most serious, since it will inevitably undermine the confidence of the developing country Parties in the financial mechanism established in London.

I am, of course, aware that the terms of reference of the Interim Fund established in London provide that up to 20 per cent of the total contribution of Governments not falling within paragraph 1, Article 5, could be made by way of bilateral programmes and, in particular cases agreed by a decision of the Parties, regional cooperation programmes can also be considered as contributions. In certain circumstances, contributions in kind and/or national currencies can also be accepted. However, the Chief Officer of the Secretariat for the Interim Multilateral Fund recently wrote to all Parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 to learn whether any such programmes of a bilateral or regional nature were being considered as contributions to the Fund. Only one Government indicated that it has provided or intends to provide assistance that it regards as part of its overall contribution. Similarly only one Government indicated that it wished to make its contribution in kind. Accordingly, I have to assume that all other contributions outstanding will be paid in convertible currencies.

In these circumstances, I trust that I can expect to receive the outstanding contribution due from your Governments for 1991 as a payment to the trust fund in convertible currency before the November meeting of the Executive Committee. It is most important that this outstanding amount should be paid before the meeting takes place or clear information provided to me as to when your contribution might with certainty be expected. Since the programme of activities to be considered by the Executive Committee next month is clearly well in

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excess of total agreed contributions for 1991, it would also be most helpful if your Government could provide me with an indication of the timing of your 1992 contribution agreed at the Third Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, in Nairobi in June 1991. This information will enable the Executive Committee to plan the 1992 programme of activities on the basis of firm knowledge of when contributions will be available.

I should be grateful if you could kindly contact the appropriate authorities regarding settlement of both 1991 and 1992 contributions as soon as possible by deposit to UNEP Trust Fund Account No. 015-002756 at the Chemical Bank, United Nations Branch, One UN Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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Executive Director

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