

Annex XXXVIII

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON RENEWAL OF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE 97TH MEETING

Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Bosnia and Herzegovina (phase IX) and noted with appreciation that Bosnia and Herzegovina had reported 2023 and 2024 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 phase-out schedule. The Committee noted that Bosnia and Herzegovina reported HFC data and froze its consumption at the baseline level and that HFC quotas were issued for the years 2024 and 2025. The Committee further noted that Bosnia and Herzegovina implemented a strict monitoring system for the consumption of controlled substances, organized regularly meetings with importers and the refrigeration and air-conditioning association, coordinated the activities with all stakeholders involved and organized numerous awareness-raising activities, including celebration of the World Ozone Day. The Committee acknowledged the efforts of the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and is therefore hopeful that, within the next three years, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina will continue the implementation of activities with success to maintain compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol.

Cabo Verde

2. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Cabo Verde (phase IX) and noted with appreciation that Cabo Verde had reported 2023 and 2024 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 phase-out schedule. The Committee noted that the Government of Cabo Verde implemented enforcement measures to control ODS imports through a licensing and quota system and provided comprehensive training to customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Committee acknowledged the efforts of the Government of Cabo Verde and is therefore hopeful that, within the next three years, the Government of Cabo Verde will continue the implementation of activities with success to maintain compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol.

Djibouti

3. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Djibouti (phase IX) and noted with appreciation that Djibouti had reported 2023 and 2024 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 phase-out schedule. The Committee noted that the Government of Djibouti implemented enforcement measures to control ODS imports through a licensing and quota system and provided comprehensive training to customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Committee acknowledged the efforts of the Government of Djibouti and is therefore hopeful that, within the next three years, the Government of Djibouti will continue the implementation of activities with success to maintain compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol.

Equatorial Guinea

4. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening project for Equatorial Guinea (phase V) and noted with appreciation that Equatorial Guinea had reported 2023 and 2024 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 phase-out schedule. The Committee noted that the Government of Equatorial Guinea implemented enforcement measures to control ODS imports through a licensing and quota system and provided comprehensive training to customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Committee acknowledged the efforts of the Government of Equatorial Guinea and is therefore hopeful that, within the next three years, the Government of Equatorial Guinea will ratify the Kigali Amendment and will continue the implementation of activities with success to maintain compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol.

Suriname

5. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the request for the renewal of the institutional strengthening (IS) project for Suriname (phase VIII) and noted with appreciation that Suriname had reported 2023 and 2024 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 phase-out schedule. The Committee noted the challenges faced by the Government in the last year due to the loss of the previous National Ozone Officer and recognized the good work done thus far to advance activities under the Montreal Protocol and the IS project and encouraged the Government and UNEP to continue with its collaboration. The Committee acknowledged the efforts of the Government of Suriname and is therefore hopeful that, within the next three years, the Government of Suriname will ratify the Kigali Amendment and will continue the implementation of activities with success to maintain compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol.