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TRANCHE SUBMISSION DELAYS**Introduction**

1. Pursuant to decision 47/50(d),² the Secretariat has prepared the present document. It presents actions taken in response to decisions on tranche submission delays adopted at the 94th meeting; an analysis of each of the tranches that were due but were not submitted to the 95th meeting and the tranches that were submitted but subsequently withdrawn during the project review process. It also provides an overview of the reasons for the delays and the impact on compliance with the countries' obligations under the Montreal Protocol, and the Secretariat's recommendation.

I. Follow-up to decisions taken on tranche submission delays at the 94th meeting

2. At the 94th meeting, 17 of the 35 countries that had been scheduled to submit tranche requests, had not done so on time, representing a non-submission rate of 49 per cent. Subsequently, the Executive Committee *inter alia* requested the Secretariat to send letters to the relevant Governments regarding the decisions on tranche submission delays contained in annex VII to the report of the 94th meeting (decision 94/16(b)).

3. Pursuant to decision 94/16(b), the Secretariat sent letters to the Governments of 16 Article 5 countries³ to urge the submission of the next tranche of their HCFC phase-out management

¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/1

² The Executive Committee decided that a separate sub-agenda item on delays in the submission of annual tranches and disbursement of funds for tranches and obligations should be included for future meetings.

³ Excluding Algeria which would not request the remaining third (2014) and fourth (2017) tranches of stage I of its HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP).

plans (HPMPs). As a result, the Governments of Bahrain,⁴ Dominica,⁵ Georgia,⁶ Ghana,⁷ Iraq,⁸ Kuwait,⁹ Nepal,¹⁰ and Pakistan,¹¹ submitted respective tranches of their HPMPs to the 95th meeting.

4. However, the Governments of Argentina, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Senegal, and Syrian Arab Republic, did not submit their tranche requests.

II. Analysis of tranches not submitted to the 95th meeting

5. Twenty-four activities associated with tranches of HPMPs for 14 countries including those referred to in paragraph 4, at a total value of US \$5,481,772 (including agency support costs), due for submission to the 95th meeting were not submitted, as shown in annex I to the present document.¹²

6. In addition, the second tranche of stage II of the HPMP for El Salvador amounting to US \$280,563 (including agency support costs), was submitted to the 95th meeting, but subsequently withdrawn by the relevant implementing agencies during the project review process. This tranche is also included in annex I to the present document.

III. Reasons for delays and impact on compliance

7. The reasons for delays in the submission of tranches of HPMPs include: disbursement below the 20 per cent threshold of approved funds for the previous tranche (10); Government decisions, and/or endorsements, and/or changes in the national ozone unit, and/or structural change (6); internal or external difficulties (4); sufficient funds from previous tranche approved (3); lack of verification report (3); lead or cooperating agency not ready for submission (3); political situation or security issues (2); submission of progress and financial reports (2); administrative delays (2); and slow implementation (1). For the delays in the submissions, more than one reason may apply.

8. As reported by the relevant implementing agencies, delays in the submission of tranches that were past due would have no impact on compliance with the countries' obligations under the Montreal Protocol. All outstanding tranches are expected to be submitted to the 96th meeting, except for the tranches for Afghanistan, Guyana, Kenya and Mauritius, which will be submitted to the 97th meeting.

IV. Recommendation

9. The Executive Committee may wish:

(a) To note:

(i) The report on tranche submission delays contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/24;

⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/41

⁵ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/51

⁶ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/53

⁷ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/54

⁸ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/59

⁹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/62

¹⁰ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/69

¹¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/72

¹² For comparison, at the 94th meeting, 28 activities associated with tranches of HPMPs for 17 countries that were due were not submitted.

- (ii) The information on tranche submission delays under HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) submitted by the Governments of France and Germany, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank;
 - (iii) That 31 out of 55 activities (16 out of 30 countries) related to tranches of HPMPs due for submission at the 95th meeting had been submitted on time;
 - (iv) That relevant bilateral and implementing agencies had indicated that the late submission of the tranches of HPMPs due for submission at the second meeting in 2024 would have no impact on countries' compliance with the Montreal Protocol, and that there was no indication that any of the countries concerned were in non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol control measures; and
- (b) To request the Secretariat to send letters to the relevant Governments regarding the decisions on tranche submission delays contained in annex I to the present report.

Annex I

TRANCHES NOT SUBMITTED TO THE 95TH MEETING

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs) (US \$)	Reason for delay/withdrawal	Recommendations
Afghanistan (Stage II)	UNEP	2023	215,265	Transfer to UNIDO at the 95 th meeting	Noting the delays due to the political situation and urging the Government of Afghanistan to work with UNIDO so that the second (2023) tranche of stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) could be submitted to the 97 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranche.
	UNIDO	2023	98,100	Internal or external difficulties/political situation or security issues	
Argentina (Stage II)	UNIDO	2024	983,463	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the third (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Argentina to work with UNIDO so that the fourth (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 96 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Argentina (Control of emissions of HFC-23 generated in the production of HCFC-22 in Frio Industrias Argentina)	UNIDO	2024	13,650	Internal or external difficulties/lack of verification report	Noting the delays due to the fact that the mandatory verification on control of emissions of HFC-23 generated in the production of HCFC-22 had not been completed, and urging the Government of Argentina to work with UNIDO to complete the verification so that the second (2024) tranche of the project for the control of emissions of HFC-23 generated in the production of HCFC-22 in Frio Industrias Argentina could be submitted to the 96 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranches.
Botswana (Stage II)	UNEP	2023	216,683	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the national ozone unit (NOU)	Noting the delays due to the changes in the NOU, and urging the Government of Botswana to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 96 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2023	160,500	Internal or external difficulties	
Brunei Darussalam (Stage II)	UNEP	2024	85,993	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/lack of verification report	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the first (2020) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and that the mandatory verification on HCFC consumption targets had not been completed and urging the Government of Brunei Darussalam to work with UNEP to complete the verification, and with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 96 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNIDO	2024	167,860	20 per cent disbursement threshold	

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Cabo Verde (Stage II)	UNEP	2024	148,030	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU	Noting the delays due to the changes in the NOU, and urging the Government of Cabo Verde to work with UNEP so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 96 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranches.
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the) (Stage II)	UNEP	2024	180,267	Submission of progress and financial reports/slow implementation	Noting the delays due to the non-submission of the progress and financial reports, and urging the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to work with UNEP to submit the required progress and financial reports and to work with UNEP and UNDP so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 96 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranches.
	UNDP	2024	225,235	Lead or cooperating agency not ready for submission/20 per cent disbursement threshold	
El Salvador (Stage II)	UNDP	2024	261,353	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP submitted to the 95 th meeting had been withdrawn because the overall disbursement rate of the first (2021) tranche of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of El Salvador to work with UNDP and UNEP so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 96 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNEP	2024	19,210	20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Ethiopia (Stage II)	UNEP	2024	113,000	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU	Noting the delays in implementation of activities by the Government and the changes in the NOU, and urging the Government of Ethiopia to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 96 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2024	98,100	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Guyana (Stage II)	UNEP	2023	51,415	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/lack of verification report/submission of progress and financial reports/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting the delays due to the non-submission of the progress and financial reports, and that the mandatory verification on HCFC consumption targets had not been completed, and urging the Government of Guyana to work with UNEP to submit the required progress and financial reports and complete the verification and to work with UNEP and UNDP so that the fourth (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 tranche and subsequent tranche.
	UNDP	2023	37,450	Lead or cooperating agency not ready for submission	
Kenya (Stage II)	France	2023	671,075	20 per cent disbursement threshold/administrative delays	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the second (2020) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Kenya to work with the Government of France so that the third (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be

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					submitted to the 97 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranche, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Mauritius (Stage I)	Germany	2023	75,343	20 per cent disbursement threshold/administrative delays	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the fourth (2020) tranche of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Mauritius to work with the Government of Germany so that the fifth (2023) tranche of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranche, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Senegal (Stage II)	UNEP	2023	202,835	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU	Noting the delays due to internal or external difficulties on supply chain and the changes in NOU, and urging the Government of Senegal to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 96 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranche.
	UNIDO	2023	103,550	Internal or external difficulties	
South Sudan (Stage I)	UNEP	2024	33,335	Political situation or security issues	Noting the delays due to civil unrest which was affecting operations of the NOU and urging the Government of South Sudan to work with UNEP and UNDP so that the third (2024) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 96 th meeting.
	UNDP	2024	43,600	Lead or cooperating agency not ready for submission/20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Syrian Arab Republic (Stage I)	UNEP	2024	445,295	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the second (2022) tranche of stage I of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Syrian Arab Republic to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2024) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 96 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranche, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNIDO	2024	924,965	20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Thailand (Stage II)	World Bank	2022	186,763	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting the delays due to sufficient funds from the previous tranche approved and urging the Government of Thailand to work with the World Bank so that the third (2022) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 96 th meeting.
Total			5,762,335		