

Annex XVI

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON RENEWALS OF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE 54th MEETING

Albania

1. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted with the Phase III of the institutional strengthening project extension request for Albania and notes with appreciation that Albania reported Article 7 data for 2006 to the Ozone Secretariat demonstrating that the Party was already in compliance with the 2007 CFC reduction target under the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee recognizes that there is a need for intensive work in the promotion and coordination of identified actions for ODS phase out in accordance with the National Strategy for the phase out of ODS use through the different stakeholders. The Executive Committee also notes that Albania is committed to achieve the total ODS phase-out by the established deadlines through the completion of the ODS phase out projects being implemented in different sectors. With the activities planned for the next phase, the Executive Committee is hopeful that Albania will continue their ODS phase out activities with and will meet the complete phase out of CFCs in 2010.

Gambia

2. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Gambia and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat showing that its CFC consumption in 2006 is below 15% of its baseline. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Gambia will continue with the implementation of its country programme and related activities with outstanding success towards total phase out its ODS consumption ahead of the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Executive Committee is also looking forward to Gambia's ratification of the Montreal, Copenhagen and Beijing Amendments to the Protocol.

India

3. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request for India and notes with appreciation that India has taken significant steps on the implementation of its sectoral and National CFC consumption Phase-out plans, and on meeting its ODS production targets in order to achieve the 2007 compliance milestone and subsequent complete phase-out of CFCs in 2010. In its submission, India reported on a number of successful activities, including timely monitoring and coordination of various activities under the sectoral plans and the strict monitoring of its import and export licensing system to control supply and consumption of ODS. It also conducted awareness activities by providing information on appropriate alternative technologies to facilitate the implementation of its projects. The Executive Committee also appreciates the move made by the Indian CFC producers to accelerate their CFC production phase-out to the middle of 2008. It would also however, wish to express its concern at the fact that the country has fallen short of its performance target in the consumption sector, therefore the remaining activities will have to be suspended. The Executive Committee expresses the expectation that, despite these setbacks,

India will successfully complete the implementation of its programmed activities with excellent progress, sustain and build upon its completed activities to meet compliance with full CFC phase-out under the Montreal Protocol, and initiate activities for the phase out of HCFCs.

Moldova

4. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted with the Phase V of the institutional strengthening project extension request for Moldova and notes with appreciation that Moldova reported their 2006 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat that shows progress in reducing CFC consumption close to the 2007 reduction target under the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee recognizes that there is good work in the promotion and coordination of identified actions for ODS phase-out in Moldova and that implementation of the activities is proceeding successfully, demonstrating Moldova's commitment to achieve the total ODS phase out in 2010. The Executive Committee is hopeful that Moldova will continue these activities with the same dedication and determination, and wishes it success in the final two years before the total phase out of CFCs.

Nigeria

5. The Executive Committee has reviewed the terminal report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Nigeria and notes with appreciation the achievements made by Nigeria's National Ozone Unit during the implementation of the fourth phase. In particular the Executive Committee notes the progress made by Nigeria towards reducing its CFC consumption and meeting the 2007 Montreal Protocol control measure in advance, and that consumption of CTC/TCA, halons and methyl bromide has been zero. It also notes that it has ratified the Beijing Amendment, continues to implement the phase-out projects in key ODS-consuming sectors. The Executive Committee encourages the Government of Nigeria to implement its ODS legislation at the earliest possible time in order to strengthen ODS control measures in the country and ensure compliance with the requirements of the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee is hopeful that the objectives set out in the next phase of the institutional strengthening project will be achieved with outstanding success and enable the Government of Nigeria to meet all its obligations under the Montreal Protocol in a timely manner.

Papua New Guinea

6. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted for Phase II of the institutional strengthening project extension request for Papua New Guinea and notes with appreciation that the country reported Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat that shows its consumption well below the 2007 control measure under the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee recognizes that there is good work being done in promoting and identifying activities to sustain this consumption and continue its reduction to meet the full CFC phase out in 2010 particularly the country's plans to enforce a ban on CFC imports commencing 2008. The Executive Committee would also like to encourage Papua New Guinea to move faster towards the ratification of both the Beijing and Montreal Amendments and notes that this activity should be taken on priority in this next IS phase. The Executive Committee is hopeful that with all the activities being implemented in the country, Papua New Guinea is on its way to meet the 2010 phase-out target.

Philippines

7. The Executive Committee has reviewed the terminal report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for the Philippines. The Committee notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Government of the Philippines to continue and sustain ODS consumption phase-out, including CFC phase-out, for which the Philippines is far ahead of Protocol compliance targets. In particular, the Executive Committee commends the Philippines for having ratified the Montreal and Beijing Amendments in 2006 and having taken immediate action to implement the requirements thereof. The Executive Committee encourages the Philippines to continue its path towards complete phase-out of Annex A and B substances in 2010 through completion of its national CFC phase-out plan, ongoing monitoring and public awareness raising activities; and, effective enforcement of policies to reduce incidences of illegal ODS trade, and early action to initiate activities for HCFC phase out.

Sierra Leone

8. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Sierra Leone and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat showing that its CFC consumption in 2006 is below the required 50 per cent reduction. The Executive Committee notes that the country still needs to initiate stronger actions especially in the full implementation of its ODS licensing system to sustain their phase out activities. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Sierra Leone will continue with the implementation of its country programme and related activities with outstanding success towards to meet the complete phase out of CFCs in 2010.

Turkmenistan

9. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted for Phase II of the institutional strengthening project extension request for Turkmenistan and notes with appreciation that Turkmenistan reported their 2006 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat that shows they have met the 50 per cent reduction target under the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee recognizes that there is substantive work concerning activities that will enable Turkmenistan to meet the 85 per cent reduction target for CFCs in 2007, and is hopeful that Turkmenistan will continue its efforts to phase out ODS with outstanding success.

Vanuatu

10. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted for Phase II of the institutional strengthening project extension request for Vanuatu and notes with appreciation that Vanuatu has reported Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat that shows zero CFC consumption in 2005. The Executive Committee recognizes that while there is good work being done in promoting and identifying activities to sustain this consumption, the country needs to strengthen its licensing system to support these initiatives. The Executive Committee also encourages Vanuatu to immediately appoint an ODS Officer in the country so that there will be a main person responsible for ensuring that phase out activities within the regional PIC strategy are implemented and to report 2006 Article 7 and country programme implementation data as soon as possible. It is hopeful that the country will continue its trend of zero CFC consumption into the future.