

Annex V

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON RENEWALS OF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE 49TH MEETING

Albania

1. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Albania and notes with appreciation that Albania reported data to the Ozone Secretariat which showed that Albania was in compliance with the Montreal Protocol reduction steps for all controlled substances. The Executive Committee acknowledges with appreciation that Albania established in 2005 its national ODS law, including an import/export licensing system to control trade in ODS. The Executive Committee also notes that Albania ratified all the Amendments to the Montreal Protocol. With implementation of the activities planned for the next phase, the Executive Committee is hopeful that Albania will achieve outstanding success in the continued phase-out of ODS.

Benin

2. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Benin and notes with appreciation that Benin has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that Benin is ahead of the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. Benin 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 to implement its country programme with outstanding success in the reduction of current levels of CFC consumption.

Kiribati

3. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Kiribati and notes with appreciation that Kiribati reported 2004 data to the Ozone Secretariat which showed that Kiribati maintained zero CFC consumption. However, the Executive Committee notes that the training of customs officials has not yet taken place due to the delay in establishing the ODS licensing system. With implementation of the remaining activities under the regional strategy for Pacific Island countries, the Executive Committee is hopeful that in the next two years Kiribati will put in place the means needed to sustain its CFC phase-out.

Madagascar

4. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Madagascar and notes with appreciation that Madagascar has reported 2004 data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that the country reduced its CFC consumption below the Montreal Protocol's 50 per cent reduction target and has reduced consumption of methyl bromide to zero. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Madagascar will continue with the implementation of its country programme and refrigerant management plan activities with outstanding success in the reduction of current CFC consumption.

Mauritania

5. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Mauritania and notes with appreciation that Mauritania has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat showing that Mauritania is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol control measures for all controlled substances. The Executive Committee greatly appreciates the steps taken by Mauritania to phase-out its consumption and is hopeful that, in the next two years, Mauritania will continue with the implementation of its refrigerant management plan with outstanding success in the further reduction of CFC consumption levels.

Federated States of Micronesia

6. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for the Federated States of Micronesia and notes with concern that Micronesia reported CFC consumption in 2004 which exceeded its baseline. However, the Executive Committee also notes that the data reported to the Fund Secretariat for 2005 indicates that Micronesia has reduced its CFC consumption to a level below the 2005 Montreal Protocol CFC control target. The Executive Committee is hopeful that in the next phase of the institutional strengthening project, Micronesia will be able to establish ODS regulations, complete the customs training programme and continue with implementation of the regional strategy with outstanding success in the further reduction of CFC consumption levels.

Nicaragua

7. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request for Nicaragua and notes with appreciation that the country reported CFC consumption lower than 50 per cent of its baseline consumption and maintained the level of consumption of methyl bromide, CTC and TCA at zero. Nicaragua has taken some important initiatives including the reduction of ODS imports through operation of a licensing system, the organization of training workshops for customs officers and the monitoring of recovery and recycling projects. The Executive Committee greatly appreciates the efforts of Nicaragua to reduce the consumption of ODS. The Executive Committee expresses the expectation that, in the next two years, Nicaragua will continue to improve the operation of the licensing system, and implement its refrigerant management plan and non-investment programmes with outstanding progress, to sustain and build upon its current levels of reduction in the consumption of ODS.

Palau

8. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Palau and notes that Palau reported 2004 data to the Ozone Secretariat which showed that Palau was in compliance with the Montreal Protocol freeze on CFC consumption levels. It also notes that training in good refrigeration practices was carried out and that ODS regulations were established in 2005. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Palau will complete the customs training project, enforce the ODS regulations and continue with the implementation of planned activities with outstanding success in the reduction of its current CFC consumption.

Saint Lucia

9. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Saint Lucia and notes with appreciation that Saint Lucia reported Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat demonstrating that the Party was in compliance with the Montreal Protocol reduction steps for all controlled substances. The Executive Committee acknowledges with appreciation that Saint Lucia has ratified all the Amendments to the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also notes that Saint Lucia has received funds for the preparation of a terminal phase-out management plan and is committed to achieve the total phase-out of ozone-depleting substances by the established deadlines. With the activities planned for the next phase, the Executive Committee is hopeful that Saint Lucia will continue phasing-out ODS with outstanding success.

Solomon Islands

10. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information in connection with the submitted institutional strengthening project renewal request for Solomon Islands and notes that Solomon Islands reported 2004 data to the Ozone Secretariat which showed that Solomon Islands maintained the Montreal Protocol CFC consumption freeze. The Executive Committee also notes that while the Solomon Islands has taken significant steps to phase out its ODS consumption, customs training has not taken place due to a delay in establishing an ODS licensing system. With the activities foreseen in the next phase of the institutional strengthening project, including implementation of a licensing system, the Executive Committee is hopeful that the Solomon Islands will achieve outstanding success in the reduction of its CFC consumption.

Tonga

11. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Tonga and notes with appreciation that Tonga reported 2004 data to the Ozone Secretariat which showed that Tonga had achieved a CFC consumption of zero. The Executive Committee notes that Tonga has taken significant steps to phase out its ODS consumption and is hopeful that, with the establishing of an ODS licensing system, Tonga will be able to sustain its early achievement of full compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol.

Uruguay

12. The Executive Committee has reviewed and notes with appreciation the terminal report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Uruguay. In particular, the Executive Committee notes that Uruguay has met the Montreal Protocol 50 per cent CFC reduction target on schedule. It also appreciates the progress made in the implementation of phase-out projects in key ODS-consuming sectors, specifically the MDI sector and the refrigeration/air-conditioning servicing sector. The Executive Committee also notes with appreciation that Uruguay has achieved compliance with the methyl bromide consumption target in the action plan approved under decision XVII/39 of the Meeting of the Parties in 2005. The Executive Committee commends the Government of Uruguay for these achievements and expresses the expectation that, in the next two years, it will continue the implementation of its planned activities with outstanding success in the reduction of current ODS consumption levels.

Venezuela

13. The Executive Committee has reviewed and notes with appreciation the terminal report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Venezuela. In particular, the Executive Committee notes that Venezuela has met the Montreal Protocol 50 per cent CFC reduction target on schedule. It also appreciates the progress made in the implementation of phase-out projects in key ODS-consuming sectors, specifically the national CFC phase-out plan and the CFC production facility closure project. The Executive Committee commends the Government of Venezuela for these achievements and expresses the expectation that, in the next two years, it will continue the implementation of its planned activities with outstanding success in the reduction of current ODS consumption levels.