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CONSOLIDATED PROGRESS REPORT

INTRODUCTION

1. This Consolidated Progress Report presents an update of Fund-supported activities as at mid-October 1995. This Report incorporates inputs from the implementing agencies.

2. The Report is divided in two sections:

Section I: Overview on status of implementation of the projects and other activities approved;

Section II: Comments and Recommendations from the Fund Secretariat on the progress and financial reports; and,

3. Individual reports indicating the progress made in the implementation of the activities of each implementing agency (as submitted by the agencies) are provided separately in documents UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/18/52-55.

SECTION I: OVERVIEW

4. Since the establishment of the Fund, the Executive Committee has approved over 800 activities in 103 Article 5 countries. By region, 474 activities were approved in Asia and the Pacific, followed by Latin America and the Caribbean (252 activities), Africa (174 activities), and Europe (25 activities). Additionally, 89 global activities (e.g., activities covering several countries from different regions, and UNEP's clearinghouse were approved.

5. Over US $340 million has been allocated to the four agencies for the implementation of these activities. Also, US $12.36 million has been provided by eight Parties not operating under Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol as bilateral assistance namely, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Singapore, South Africa and the United States.

6. The World Bank is the implementing agency for 340 projects amounting to 51.2 per cent of the disbursed funds; UNDP is implementing 332 projects amounting to 26.7 per cent of the funds disbursed; UNIDO is implementing 92 projects amounting to 14.3 per cent of the funds disbursed; and UNEP is implementing 176 activities amounting to 4.3 per cent of the funds disbursed.

7. The largest allocation of funds corresponds to projects under the refrigeration (US $167.67 million) and foam (US $75.63 million) sectors. The "several" sector category (US $62.66 million) indicates projects which cover more than one sector, e.g., country programme preparation, preparation of investment projects, etc. The distribution of project allocations is presented in the Table below:

Project Allocations by Implementing Agency, Party and Sector
(in thousand US $)

Sector	IBRD	UNDP	UNEP	UNIDO	Bilateral	Total
Aerosol	10,783	2,167	250	25	6	13,231
Closure	838					838
Foam	32,995	37,407		5,134	91	75,627
Fumigant		427	302		339	339
Halon	1,220	2,046	390	496	2,656	6,808
Multi-sec.	3,070					3,070
Other	4,720					4,720
Production	1,885					1,885
Refrig.	80,153	37,750	1,438	42,205	6,124	167,670
Solvent	9,345	4,297		824	1,308	15,774
Several	35,791	10,450	12,850	1,739	1,834	62,664
Total	180,800	94,543	15,230	50,423	12,358	353,354

Country Programmes

8. The Executive Committee has disbursed more than US $5.81 million for the preparation of the country programmes of 103 Article 5 Parties. So far, the Committee has approved 53 country programmes. Additional country programmes, namely, Benin, Bolivia, Central African Republic, Guinea, and Namibia, are being submitted for consideration at the Eighteenth Meeting of the Executive Committee.

9. Total consumption of controlled substances covered by the approved country programmes amounts to almost 140,640 ODP.

Institutional Strengthening

10. Funds amounting to about US $10 million have been provided to 56 Article 5 countries for institutional strengthening to facilitate the implementation of country action plans for the phase-out of controlled substances. All of the ozone units that have been so far supported by the Multilateral Fund are already operational or at the final stages to become operational, where funds were made available to them by the implementing agencies.

Investment Projects

11. Preparation of ODS phase-out investment projects has resulted in submission and approval of about 400 investment projects. Thirty nine investment projects in all sectors using controlled substances have become operational. In total, over 5,000 tonnes ODP of the controlled substances have been phased-out. Implementation of the other approved investment projects will lead to the elimination of an additional 55 to 60 thousand ODP tonnes of controlled substances.

Training Programmes And Technical Assistance Activities

12. The Executive Committee has approved 96 training programmes at the national, regional and global levels, at a cost of about US $9 million. So far, national training programmes, regional workshops and global training activities have been completed.

13. In total of 168 technical assistance programmes and 18 demonstration programmes have been completed.

SECTION II: COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FUND SECRETARIAT ON PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

COMMENTS

Uniform Format for Progress and Financial Reporting

14. At its Seventeenth Meeting, the Executive Committee established a uniform format for progress and financial reporting for the Consolidated Progress Report. Decision 17/24 and Annex II of the Report of the Seventeenth Meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/17/20) specified

the modalities for submission, a format for data input, and definitions for the data to be included in the implementing agencies' input to the Consolidated Progress Report.

15. The Secretariat received data from the agencies after the due date (as late as the day before the dispatch of documents to the Committee), in various formats, with different project titles than approved by the Committee, with agency instead of Fund project numbers, in several spreadsheet and data base programmes, in different degrees of completeness, with a lack of information about disbursements by Executive Committee approval, and using different definitions for variables than specified in the decision. Processing and consolidating the data, as planned, was therefore not possible.

Revised Format for Progress and Financial Reporting

16. Subsequent to the Seventeenth Meeting, the Project Review Sub-Committee established guidelines and a format for the implementing agencies' annual business plans. The guidelines specify certain performance indicators that would be tracked through the agencies' progress report narrative and the agencies' input on progress and financial reporting. Those indicators include three measures of the speed of delivery of funding, two measures of the cost of delivery of project proposals and project implementation, two measures of the performance toward ODS phase-out, and cost-effectiveness goals for 1996.

17. To monitor the agencies' performance towards achieving the performance goals in their business plans, the format for progress and financial reporting should be revised. A revision of the format provides an opportunity for further needed clarification of the reporting requirements of the agencies. The Secreariat will provide agencies with a revised format.

Summary of Agency Input

18. Summary information from the agencies' input was provided in most cases for completed projects, ongoing projects, and annual summaries. This analysis could have been more comprehensive if all of the data had been provided.

Completed Projects

19. Completed projects are those projects which have been implemented, for example a workshop was held or the phase-out has occurred but the financial disbursements have not been completed. Overall, 70 per cent of the funds allocated by the Executive Committee have been disbursed for those projects classified by the implementing agencies as completed. The following table presents information by agency.

Disbursements for Completed Projects (in million US dollars)

	UNDP	UNEP	UNIDO	World Bank	Grand Total
Approved Funding	11.0	11.9	1.1	16.0	40.0
Funds Disbursed	10.9	5.2	0.7	11.0	27.9

Rate of Disbursement	99%	99%	66%	69%	70%

Ongoing Projects

20. Ongoing projects are those projects that have not yet been fully implemented. The average of the implementing agencies' rates of disbursement for ongoing projects is 21 per cent of the amount allocated by the Executive Committee. Approvals from 1995 are included in this estimate; many of which are from the last meeting of the Executive Committee. For those approvals, the agencies have had only two to three months for implementation. UNEP's rate of disbursement is higher than the other agencies since non-investment projects, the only projects approved for UNEP, are normally of a shorter duration than investment projects. The following table presents disbursements for ongoing projects by agency.

Disbursements for Ongoing Projects, by Agency (in million US dollars)

	UNDP	UNEP	UNIDO	World Bank	Grand Total
Approved Funding	84.0	23.3	49.2	148.1	304.6
Funds Disbursed	19.7	4.2	6.8	32.2	62.9
Rate of Disbursement	23%	41%	14%	22%	21%

Annual Summary Data

21. Annual summary data was provided by three implementing agencies. These data include all approvals by the Executive Committee (both non-investment and investment projects) for each year since the Multilateral Fund was established. The rate of completion including those project approved at the last Executive Committee Meeting is 36 per cent. The annual completion rates for the Fund and the implementing agencies are provided in the following table.

Annual Summary of Approved versus Completed Projects, by Agency
(in number of projects)

		Year					
Agency		1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	Grand Total
UNDP	Approvals	16	67	58	141	45	327
	Completed	15	43	27	17	0	102
	Per Cent	94	64	47	12	0%	31%
UNEP	Approvals	11	15	56	59	46	187
	Completed	9	13	30	19	2	73
	Per Cent	82%	87%	54%	32%	4%	39%
World Bank	Approvals	26	73	93	99	68	359
	Completed	25	35	35	40	0	135
	Per Cent	96%	48%	38%	40%	0%	38%
Total Approvals		53	155	207	299	159	873
Total Completed		49	91	92	76	2	310
Per Cent		92%	59%	44%	25%	1%	36%

Note: Data from UNIDO was not provided.

22. The rate of disbursement for the Fund, including those projects approved at the last Executive Committee Meeting, is 30 per cent of the approved amounts. For approvals from 1991-1993, the rate of implementation is almost 50 per cent or better. The annual rates of implementation for the Fund and the implementing agencies are provided in the following table.

Annual Summary of Approvals and Disbursements, by Agency (in million US dollars)

		Year					
Agency		1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	Grand Total
UNDP	Approvals	0.6	8.5	13.7	55.8	16.4	95.0
	Disbursed	0.5	6.7	9.3	13.7	0.3	30.5
	Per Cent	83%	79%	68%	25%	2%	32%
UNEP	Approvals	1.5	1.7	4.2	4.4	3.7	15.6
	Disbursed	1.0	1.7	3.0	2.6	1.2	9.5
	Per Cent	67%	100%	71%	59%	32%	61%
World Bank	Approvals	6.5	33.3	46.5	53.8	25.7	165.8
	Disbursed	3.4	17.4	17.2	2.6	2.6	43.3
	Per Cent	52%	52%	37%	5%	10%	26%
Total Approvals		8.5	46.6	64.4	114.0	45.8	276.3
Total Disbursed		5.0	25.8	29.5	18.9	4.1	83.3
Per Cent		59%	55%	46%	17%	9%	30%

Note: Data from UNIDO was not provided.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Implementing agencies should provide progress and financial reporting according to the modalities and format to be provided by the Secretariat.

2. Implementing agencies should modify their submissions to the Eighteenth Meeting according to the format to be provided by the Secretariat by 30 November 1995 and provide this information to the Fund Secretariat by 31 January 1996 to enable comparison between the progress and financial reporting of the Eighteenth Meeting with the reporting for the Nineteenth Meeting.