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UNIDO PROGRESS REPORT



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UNIDO's Progress Report

June 1995

This report presents UNIDO's Montreal Protocol-related activities covering the period between January and May 1995. It consists of three sections:

Section I relates to the status of operational policies adopted previously as well as new ones to be adopted.

Section II presents both in *table form* and *narrative* the status of on-going projects in each country where UNIDO is active and activities that have been completed during the reporting period.

Section III is a financial report on receipts, disbursements as well as savings/deficits for each project.

Section I

Operational Policy and Other Issues

a) Policy:

UNIDO is now fully engaged in the process of implementation of projects approved at the 13th and 15th sessions of the Executive Committee. The Contract and Purchase Branch has been strengthened in order to give top priority to the operations related to the consultation of companies, calls for bids, purchase of equipment and awarding of contracts. The Purchase and Contracts Committee has also agreed to have *ad hoc* sessions in order to speed up the evaluation of offers and the selection of companies. As a result, most of the projects are progressing quite satisfactorily.

Besides the implementation process, a number of projects has also been formulated and those are now ready to be submitted to the Executive Committee, whereas some others are still under formulation and expected to be finalized in the very near future.

b) Strengthening UNIDO's staff:

Besides the strengthening of the Contracts and Purchase Branch, the Coordination Unit has also been strengthened by an additional professional staff member who will be in charge of the follow-up of the implementation of projects. Newly recruited people in the refrigeration and foam sectors will soon join UNIDO. This will increase UNIDO's capacity in project formulation and implementation. Finally, a technical adviser is under recruitment in order to enhance the qualitative aspects of the Montreal Protocol activities.

UNIDO's roster of experts is continuously up-dated and enlarged by the registration of new companies or individual experts.

c) Inter-agency cooperation:

i) Cooperation with the UNDP:

A joint mission of a UNDP consultant and a UNIDO staff member took place recently in Brazil in the solvent sector in order to identify and establish a list of projects and decide on division of labour according to the inter-agency agreement. As a result, some projects are already under formulation. The activities in Malaysia and Kenya are also being coordinated between the two agencies.

ii) Cooperation with the World Bank:

A joint mission with FINEP on behalf of the World Bank also took place in the refrigeration sector in Brazil in order to identify and establish a list of projects and decide on a division of labour according to the inter-agency agreement.

As a result, some projects are already under formulation.

The World Bank also recommended to the Government of the Philippines UNIDO as an implementing agency for a retrofitting project. The confirmation from the Government of the Philippines is still awaited.

A similar recommendation was given to the Government of India for the implementation of 8 aerosol projects in the small-scale sector. The Government of India has confirmed their willingness to designate UNIDO as an implementing agency for these projects.

iii) Cooperation with UNEP:

UNIDO will continue to participate with UNEP in missions to low-ODS consuming countries. A schedule of visits was recently transmitted by UNEP.

In addition, UNIDO participated in a regional network meeting held for English-speaking countries in Africa.

iv) Cooperation with U.S. EPA:

An executive summary of the *Strategy for Phasing-out of ODS in Low-ODS Consuming Countries* is being submitted to this meeting of the Executive Committee.

v) Bilateral cooperation:

Discussions with Australia have started for cooperation in project implementation, particularly in the recovery and recycling sector in the Asia and Pacific region. Australian companies have been invited to UNIDO Headquarters to discuss a strategy to be set for that purpose.

The idea of organizing a seminar in Australia for neighbouring countries is also being investigated.

As for methyl bromide projects, Canada has shown an interest to cooperate with UNIDO. A first project for Zimbabwe with a Canadian company is receiving support from *Environment Canada*.

SECTION II

Project-by-Project Progress Report

(Included in the Consolidated Progress Report)