

Annex XIII

**VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON RENEWALS OF
INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECTS
SUBMITTED TO THE 57th MEETING**

Algeria

1. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Algeria and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating the country's 2007 ODS consumption is below the limits set by the Montreal Protocol's phase-out schedule. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Algeria will continue with the implementation of its country programme and national phase-out plan activities with outstanding success in the reduction of ODS consumption.

Burundi

2. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Burundi and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that its CFC consumption in 2007 is below the 85 percent reduction required by the Montreal Protocol's phase-out schedule. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Burundi will continue its efforts in the implementation of its country programme and related activities with outstanding success.

Cape Verde

3. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request for Cape Verde and notes with appreciation that the country continues to report zero CFC consumption to the Ozone Secretariat. The Executive Committee also notes that Cape Verde has undertaken significant activities to sustain zero consumption through the strict enforcement of the ODS licensing system. The Executive Committee expresses the expectation that, in the next two years, Cape Verde will continue to implement its ODS phase-out activities with outstanding success.

Central African Republic

4. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Central African Republic and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that its CFC consumption in 2007 is below the required 85 per cent reduction required by the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, Central African Republic will continue with the implementation of its country programme and related activities with outstanding success towards total phase-out of its ODS consumption as required the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule.

Chile

5. The Executive Committee has reviewed the terminal report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Chile and notes with appreciation the achievements made by the Comisión Nacional del Medio Ambiente (CONAMA) during the implementation of this phase. In particular the Executive Committee notes the progress made by Chile to create and implement a fully operational and updated licensing system. This step forward will greatly support the country's national ozone focal point and help to maintain compliance with the Montreal Protocol's ODS consumption phase-out targets. The Executive Committee is also encouraged by the progress of several activities including the refrigerant management plan and the technical assistance to phase out ozone depleting

solvents, which contributed to compliance regarding TCA consumption. The Executive Committee commends the Government of Chile for its achievements during the current phase and expresses the expectation that, in the next two years, Chile will continue the implementation of its programmed activities with outstanding progress, and will sustain and build upon its current levels of reductions in CFCs.

Comoros

6. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Comoros and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that its CFC consumption in 2007 is below the required 85 per cent reduction required by the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Comoros will continue its efforts in the implementation of its country programme and related activities with outstanding success towards total phase out its ODS consumption ahead Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule.

Congo

7. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Congo and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that it reduced its 2007 CFC consumption more than the required 85 per cent reduction required by the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Congo will continue with the implementation of its country programme and related activities with outstanding success towards total phase out of its ODS consumption ahead of the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule.

Djibouti

8. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Djibouti and notes with appreciation that Djibouti has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating it has met the 85 percent required reduction in ODS consumption required by the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule. Djibouti has taken significant steps to phase out its ODS consumption. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Djibouti will continue with the implementation of the licensing system and terminal phase-out management plan and preparation of HCFC phase-out management plan with outstanding success.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

9. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for the former Yugoslav Republic Macedonia and notes with great appreciation that the country has now reported zero CFC consumption in 2007, putting it well in advance of the complete phase-out of CFCs scheduled for 2010. The Executive Committee also wishes to further extend its appreciation to the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for playing an important leadership role in the network of ODS Officers for Europe and Central Asia. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, the Former Yugoslav Republic Macedonia will continue its efforts in the implementation of its ODS phase-out activities with outstanding success.

Georgia

10. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request for Georgia and notes the country reported CFC consumption within the 85 per cent reduction requirement of the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule for CFCs. The Executive Committee also appreciates the excellent results achieved by Georgia in coordinating ODS phase-out

activities in the country. It notes that all activities are implemented in a timely and efficient manner. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that in the next two years, Georgia will meet its CFC phase-out targets and initiate activities related to HCFCs as a result of the decisions taken by the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

Honduras

11. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Honduras and notes with appreciation that the country is in compliance with Montreal Protocol reduction steps for all controlled substances, in particular for methyl bromide which is consistent with its action plan noted at the Seventeenth Meeting of the Parties. The Executive Committee acknowledges with appreciation that Honduras has formed a National Steering Committee for addressing the ODS phase out at national level, controlling trade of ODS, and adopting alternatives to methyl bromide. With the activities planned for the next phase, the Executive Committee is hopeful that Honduras will continue to phase out ODS with outstanding success.

Liberia

12. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Liberia and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that it reduced its 2007 CFC consumption to be well within the 85 per cent reduction required under the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Liberia will continue with the implementation of ODS phase out activities with outstanding success towards total phase out of its ODS consumption ahead of the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule.

Mauritania

13. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for Mauritania and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that it reduced its CFC consumption in 2007. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Mauritania will continue with the implementation of its country programme and related activities with outstanding success towards total phase-out of its ODS consumption required by the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule

Mozambique

14. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request for Mozambique and notes with appreciation the fact that Mozambique reported 2007 data to the Ozone Secretariat stating the country reduced its CFC consumption beyond the 85 per cent target. The Executive Committee also notes that Mozambique has taken some significant steps to approve ODS regulations which provide for ODS imports through a licensing and quota system, and training of Customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Executive Committee greatly appreciates the efforts of Mozambique to reduce its ODS consumption. The Executive Committee expresses the expectation that, in the next two years, Mozambique will complete the implementation of its terminal phase-out management plan and build upon its current levels of reductions in ODS.

Pakistan

15. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Pakistan, and notes with appreciation the prompt action of Pakistan in presenting a Plan of Action to return it to compliance with the CTC control measures of the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee also notes that within the framework of the institutional

strengthening project, Pakistan has taken significant steps to phase out its ODS consumption, specifically, moving forward with implementation of the halon bank project, refrigerant management plan and CTC sector phase-out, organizing training workshops for refrigeration technicians and customs officers. The Executive Committee greatly supports the efforts of Pakistan to reduce its ODS consumption. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Pakistan will continue with the implementation of its country programme and national phase-out activities with outstanding success in the reduction of current ODS consumption levels. The Executive Committee would also like to congratulate the Government of Pakistan on its election as Co-Chair of the 29th Open-Ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

Rwanda

16. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request for Rwanda and notes with appreciation the fact that Rwanda reported 2007 data to the Ozone Secretariat stating the country reduced its CFC consumption by 85 per cent target for 2007. The Executive Committee further noted that Rwanda has taken some significant steps to phase out its consumption of ODS in the period through the introduction of an ODS licensing system. The Executive Committee is hopeful that, in the next two years, Rwanda will continue the implementation of the licensing system, terminal phase-out management plan, technical assistance and non-investment programmes with outstanding success, and sustain and build upon its current levels of reductions in ODS.

Tanzania

17. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening renewal (IS) request for Tanzania and notes with appreciation the fact that Tanzania has taken some significant steps to phase out its consumption of ODS in the period covered by the IS project. The Committee also commends Tanzania for the advanced stage in the implementation of the ODS licensing system, training of Customs officers and refrigeration technicians and the establishment of a recovery and recycling centre. The Executive Committee expressed the expectation that, in the next two years, Tanzania will continue implementing these activities with great success and sustain and build upon its current levels of reductions in ODSs.

Viet Nam

18. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening project extension for Viet Nam and notes with appreciation that the country has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that Viet Nam has maintained its phase-out of CFC consumption since 1996. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Viet Nam will continue with the implementation of its country programme, the national CFC phase-out plan, methyl bromide phase-out plan, HCFC phase-out management plan and other activities with outstanding success.

Zambia

19. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening (IS) renewal request for Zambia and notes with appreciation the fact that Zambia reported 2007 data to the Ozone Secretariat stating the country reduced its CFC consumption by 85 per cent target for 2007 as required by the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee further noted that Zambia has taken some significant steps to phase out its consumption of ODS in the period covered for their IS project through the enforcement of the ODS licensing system, training of Customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Executive Committee is hopeful that, in the next two years, Zambia will continue implementing activities with outstanding progress, and sustain and build upon its current levels of reductions in ODS consumption.
