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UNEP PROGRESS REPORT

This document includes Comments and Recommendations from the Fund Secretariat.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FUND SECRETARIAT

COMMENTS

1. During the reporting period, UNEP completed three training programmes, finalized country programmes and started implementation of institutional strengthening activities in several Article 5 countries.
2. It should be noted that unlike the other progress reports of the other implementing agencies, UNEP's reporting period is from 1 February since it provided a progress report through 31 January to the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee.
3. UNEP does not provide disbursements in its input to the Consolidated Progress Report as indicated in the format for the Consolidated Progress Report in Annex IV of the Report of the Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/10/40). Disbursement information is a key indicator of progress and a consistent format used by all agencies would facilitate progress report review.

Institutional Strengthening

4. Implementation agreements between UNEP and recipient countries are required to enable UNEP to disburse funds for institutional strengthening. UNEP reports that 14 of the 21 required agreements have been signed.
5. The institutional strengthening project for Senegal was approved 18 months ago and has not been signed, yet. This project was indicated for possible "dormant project" designation in the Secretariat's comments on the UNEP financial report.
6. No activities have been reported for the institutional strengthening projects that have already begun disbursing. The activities and work programmes of the institutional strengthening units supported under the Fund should be reported to the Executive Committee and the other implementing agencies to enhance project implementation efforts.

Country programmes

7. Seven country programmes prepared with UNEP assistance were presented to the Executive Committee for its consideration at this meeting. The country programme for Vietnam, listed as completed in the progress report, was withdrawn.
8. Progress was reported on nine country programmes. Consultants have been identified to begin country programme preparation in five other countries. Little or no progress was reported

for the remaining 11 countries for whom UNEP is preparing country programmes. For most of these countries, UNEP reported to the 15th Meeting that the activities would begin in November 1994 and now reports that preparation efforts should begin in June 1995.

Information collection and dissemination

9. UNEP continued implementation on several activities of its work programme related to collecting, analyzing, inputting and distributing information on ODS. Regional network meetings were held during the reporting period for the Latin America, South East Asia Pacific, and Africa (English-speaking).

10. The progress report indicates that the Information Dissemination Project for the Philippines will not be completed until 1996. The project was originally approved in November 1993 to be implemented during 1994-1995. The progress report also states that a survey has begun, communication tools will be ready by the end of June, and the press/media breakfast forum is scheduled for June. Although UNEP has already transferred the entire amount of the funds approved by the Executive Committee, US \$200,000, to the Government of the Philippines, the progress report notes that the requested extension of the project implementation period will not require additional funding.

Training

11. UNEP reported that three training activities were completed during this reporting period:

- A. Regional Workshop on Aerosol Conversion for the South East Asia/Pacific Region (June 1995);
- B. Regional Workshop on Non-CFC Technologies for Domestic Refrigerator Manufacturing Industries in the LAD Region (May 1995); and,
- C. Asia Regional Workshop on Ozone Depletion and Management of ODS in Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (February 1995).

12. It appears that there was very little progress towards the completion of most of the regional/global training and other technical assistance activities. The information provided in the UNEP progress report focuses on meetings planned in the future or describes the status of implementation as ongoing.

13. As mentioned in the Secretariat's comments on UNEP's financial report, two activities that were approved in 1993 have not reported disbursements nor has progress been reported for the projects to train refrigeration repair technicians in Burkina Faso and Senegal. Although the progress report states that these activities were planned for the first quarter of 1995, there was no indication in the progress report (whose reporting period is almost through the second quarter of

1995-12 June 1995) that either activity was initiated. No progress was reported for similar activities in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana.

14. The completion of the Directory of Refrigerant, Recovery and Recycling Equipment whose completion was reported to be delayed until December 1994 in UNEP's progress report to the 15th Meeting. The Directory is now expected to have its final review delayed until the third quarter of 1995.

RECOMMENDATIONS

15. The Fund Secretariat recommends that the Executive Committee request UNEP to use the format provided for input into the consolidated progress report from Annex IV of the Report of the Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/10/40).

16. It is further recommended that the Executive Committee request the implementing agencies to provide information on the activities and work programmes of the ozone protection units supported with institutional strengthening funds approved by the Executive Committee.

17. It is also recommended that the Executive Committee take note, with appreciation, of the progress report of UNEP.