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1995 UNEP WORK PROGRAMME AMENDMENTS

This document includes Comments and Recommendations from the Fund Secretariat.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FUND SECRETARIAT

COMMENTS

1. UNEP is requesting approval from the Executive Committee for amendments to its 1995 Work Programme. The amendments include:

(a)	Country programme preparation	US \$259,000
(b)	Regional Workshops	270,000
(c)	National Workshop or training	<u>227,396</u>
	Total	<u>US \$756,396</u>

(a) Country Programme Preparation

2. Agreement was reached between the Fund Secretariat and UNEP to support the country programme preparation as follows:

Gabon	US \$33,000	Peoples Rep. of Korea	US \$40,000
Guyana	US \$40,000	Zaire	US \$43,000
Paraguay	US \$43,000		

3. With regard to the request for US \$60,000 for a joint country programme formulation for three small ODS consuming island states (Kiribati, Vanuatu and Solomon Island), the Secretariat noted that key elements which are prerequisite for successful implementation of such approach which UNEP had promised earlier to put in place were not yet ready. These include an abridged form of guidelines for country programme preparation; self help guide for use by these and other similar countries and negotiation particularly with non-article 5 countries in the Pacific Region or with interest in the Region regarding potential bilateral cooperation in the country programme preparation and/or follow-up activities.

4. However, following exchange of views between the Secretariat and UNEP, it has been agreed that the funds requested be provided in order to avoid further delay in acceding to the requests of the three countries for country programme preparation. However, prior to embarking on the country programme preparation for those countries UNEP will put some or all of the prerequisites in place.

(b) Regional Workshops

Regional Workshop for methyl bromide for Latin America and the Caribbean (US \$120,000):

5. The Secretariat recommends approval only on the basis of precedents. In this regard the Executive Committee may wish to refer to the Secretariat's comments on UNEP's request for a similar workshop for English-speaking Africa which was approved at the 16th Executive Committee Meeting as part of UNEP's 1995 Work Programme (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/16/10, page 3, para C).

Regional Workshop for Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Member states on implementation of the Montreal Protocol (US \$150,000):

6. Only three of the ECO member states (Iran, Pakistan and Turkey) are Article 5 countries. Of the rest, two are non-Article 5 Parties, while five are non-Parties. It was therefore agreed that the activity is not eligible for funding.

(c) National Workshops

Technology cooperation workshop for ODS elimination in Vietnam (US \$47,500)

7. Having reviewed all the activities approved for Vietnam in the past year since it became a Party to the Montreal Protocol relative to the scope of ODS industry and the activities required to phase-out the current consumption of ODS, the Secretariat had some reservations about recommending approval of this workshop to the Executive Committee. Principally, Vietnam would organize a forum for the multinational companies to declare their intention not to increase the dependence of Vietnam on ozone depleting substances in their future investments.

8. In spite of the relatively low budget, the Secretariat was concerned about the implication of approval of the workshop for other Article 5 countries who are equally poised for future active investment of multinational companies, particularly the precedent that it will set.

9. Further clarifications have been made by UNEP and the Co-Chair of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the global significance of the event. It is the goal of the announcement of the leadership companies to inspire all multinational investors to select only environmentally acceptable technology (when investing in Article 5 countries). This will be of major significance to the phase-out of ODS in the Article 5 countries. It was also recognized that this is a one time opportunity globally and will not be repeated at any cost to the Multilateral Fund either in Vietnam or elsewhere.

10. Consequently, in line with procedures for treatment of activities involving participation of multinational companies the amount of US \$27,000 is being recommended as a grant from the Multilateral Fund to support the activity.

Colombia - Training course in good practices in refrigeration (US \$179,896)

11. This activity was reviewed against the background of the national programme for recovery and recycling of refrigerants in the refrigeration and air conditioning maintenance sector for US \$886,000 submitted for Colombia by UNDP. In the UNDP project each of a selected 330 existing maintenance workshops will be equipped with the necessary facilities at a cost of about US \$1,800 each to serve as refrigerant recovery centre. In addition 14 centres (possibly drawn from the 330 recovery centres) will be equipped to serve as recycling centres.

12. UNDP will also organize 10 one-day demonstration workshops which will deal with the need for recovery and recycling, recovery and recycling technologies and good practice during servicing and maintenance using material prepared by UNEP as well as UNDP itself. The UNDP project provides a potential pool of more than 300 trainers. The 20 SENA, the apprenticeship training organization's regional training centres which are to serve as training resource centres in the UNEP project, could be integrated into the UNDP project, while the 15 SENA instructors are included in the demonstration workshop to be organized by the external consultant of UNDP. The UNDP workshops could be extended by a day or two to ensure more adequate coverage of issues which a separate training project under UNEP is set up to address.

13. The training programme proposed by UNEP shows a lack of optimization of available financial and manpower resources while some of its elements could lead to duplication or even double counting.

14. Approval of this training activity is therefore not recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

The Secretariat recommends as follows:

15. To approve the amount of US \$406,000 and US \$52,780 as support costs for the amendments to UNEP's 1995 Work Programme as follows:

Country programme preparation	US \$	259,000
Technology cooperation workshop for ODS elimination in Vietnam		27,000
Regional workshop in methyl bromide for Latin America and the Caribbean		120,000

16. The approval of the funds for the country programme preparation for Kiribati, Vanuatu and Solomon Island is subject to the comments in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

17. The Executive Committee may wish to consider the above recommendation against its decision at the 16th Meeting to allocate US \$5 million to cover implementing agency work programmes and support projects of which US \$3,162,852 was allocated to 1995 UNEP Work Programme.