

Annex IX

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON RENEWAL OF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE 72nd MEETING

Albania

1. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Albania and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2012 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat and 2012 country programme implementation data to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation that Albania has introduced the licensing and quota system on HCFCs. The Executive Committee also noted that the country's HCFC phase-out management plan is being implemented in an efficient and timely manner. The Executive Committee is therefore confident that Albania will continue activities both at the project and policy levels to enable the country to meet the Montreal Protocol targets.

Bahamas (the)

2. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for the Bahamas, and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2011 and 2012 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat as well as 2011 and 2012 country programme implementation data to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the Bahamas has a licensing and quota system for HCFCs and related legislation in place. The Executive Committee also noted that the country's HCFC phase-out management plan has been approved and its implementation begun and is therefore confident that the Bahamas will meet the Montreal Protocol targets and sustain the freeze in HCFC consumption and achieve the 10 per cent reduction of its baseline by January 2015.

Belize

3. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Belize and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2011 and 2012 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat and 2011 and 2012 country programme implementation data to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation that Belize has maintained zero CFC consumption achieved in 2010. The Executive Committee also noted that the country is implementing its HCFC phase-out management plan. The Executive Committee is therefore confident that Belize will continue activities both at the project and policy levels to further enable the country to meet the Montreal Protocol target of 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015.

Cook Islands (the)

4. The Executive Committee reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening project renewal request for the Cook Islands and noted with appreciation that the country has maintained compliance with the Montreal Protocol and met all mandatory reporting requirements. The Executive Committee is therefore optimistic that, in the next two years, the Cook Islands will continue the implementation of national activities to sustain the freeze in HCFC consumption and achieve the 10 per cent reduction of its baseline by January 2015 as per the Montreal Protocol targets.

Dominica

5. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Dominica and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2012 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat and 2012 country programme implementation data to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation that Dominica has maintained the zero CFC consumption achieved in 2010. The Executive Committee also noted that the HCFC phase-out management plan for Dominica has been approved and its implementation is ongoing satisfactorily. The Executive Committee is therefore confident that Dominica will further sustain the zero consumption in CFCs and continue the activities both at the project and policy levels to enable the country to meet the Montreal Protocol target of 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015.

Egypt

6. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening (IS) project renewal request for Egypt and noted with appreciation that the country complied with the data reporting obligations under the Montreal Protocol during the reported period. The Executive Committee also noted that within the framework of the IS project, Egypt has taken significant steps to address the HCFC phase-out consumption to comply with the freezing target set for 2013. The Executive Committee is therefore confident that in the next two years, the Government of Egypt will continue its activities, both at the project and policy levels, to enable it to achieve the 10 per cent reduction of HCFCs in 2015.

Fiji

7. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Fiji and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2012 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat and 2012 country programme implementation data to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation that Fiji has a very well structured licensing and quota system. The Executive Committee also noted that the HCFC phase-out management plan is being implemented in an efficient and timely manner. The Executive Committee is therefore confident that Fiji will continue activities both at the project and policy levels to enable the country to meet the Montreal Protocol target of 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015.

Gambia (the)

8. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal for the Gambia and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2012 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat showing that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol control measures. The Executive Committee is hopeful that, in the next two years, the Gambia will sustain the phase-out of CFCs and continue successfully with the implementation of its HCFC phase-out management plan in order to sustain the freeze in HCFC consumption and achieve the 10 per cent reduction of its baseline by January 2015 as per the Montreal Protocol targets.

Ghana

9. The Executive Committee reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request for Ghana. The Executive Committee took note that Ghana's reported HCFC consumption is in conformity with its commitments under the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee noted with appreciation that the HCFC phase-out management plan and ODS disposal project

continue to undergo smooth and coordinated implementation in Ghana, giving clear expectations that the country will meet, in particular, the HCFC 10 per cent reduction target in 2015.

India

10. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request (phase X) for India and noted with appreciation that the country has successfully sustained complete phase-out of CFCs, CTC and halons. The Executive Committee also noted with appreciation that India has continued close monitoring and control of production, imports and exports of ODS, in particular HCFCs, to ensure effective control of supply and consumption of ODS. It further noted that India initiated its HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) implementation including comprehensive regulatory measures and extensive consultations with industries and key stakeholders. The Committee expressed its expectation that India will continue effective management, monitoring and enforcement on ODS phase-out activities as well as monitoring effective implementation of its HPMP, to ensure compliance with the 2015 control target for HCFC consumption.

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

11. The Executive Committee reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request (phase X) for the Islamic Republic of Iran and noted with appreciation that the Islamic Republic of Iran has successfully sustained complete phase-out of CFCs, halons, CTC, and methyl chloroform. In its request for renewal, in addition to its successful coordination with implementing agencies and key stakeholders in managing and monitoring ODS phase-out activities, the Islamic Republic of Iran reported a number of initiatives, including enforcement of import/export licensing system for HCFCs, capacity building for customs officers, relevant government officers, technicians and end-users, and utilization of the integrated ODS database management system. It also noted that the Islamic Republic of Iran's HCFC phase-out management plan is progressing in a timely manner. The Executive Committee greatly appreciated the effort of the Islamic Republic of Iran to reduce ODS consumption and expressed the expectation that in the next two years, the Islamic Republic of Iran will continue to sustain its ODS phase-out and to implement policies and regulations in order to achieve the 2015 control target under the Montreal Protocol.

Lao People's Democratic Republic (the)

12. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for the Lao People's Democratic Republic and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2012 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat and 2012 country programme implementation data to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat. The Executive Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the Lao People's Democratic Republic has a very well structured licensing and quota system. The Executive Committee also noted that the HCFC phase-out management plan is being implemented in an efficient and timely manner. The Executive Committee is therefore confident that the Lao People's Democratic Republic will continue activities both at the project and policy levels to enable the country to meet the Montreal Protocol target of 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015.

Malawi

13. The Executive Committee reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening (IS) project renewal request for Malawi and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2012 data to the Ozone Secretariat and has sustained the CFC total phase-out target. The Executive Committee further noted that Malawi has taken significant steps to phase out its consumption of ODS in the period covered by its IS project. The Executive Committee greatly appreciated the efforts of Malawi to reduce the consumption of HCFCs and expressed the expectation that, in the next two years, Malawi will continue the implementation of the licensing and quota system, phase-out of HCFCs, and sustain and build upon its current levels of reductions in ODS and achieve HCFC phase-out as per the Montreal Protocol targets.

Maldives

14. The Executive Committee reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening (IS) project renewal request for Maldives and noted with appreciation that Maldives has reported Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol targets. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Maldives will continue to implement its IS and HCFC phase-out management plan projects with great success to meet the Montreal Protocol target of 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015.

Micronesia (Federated States of)

15. The Executive Committee reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening project renewal request for the Federated States of Micronesia and noted with appreciation that the country has maintained compliance with the Montreal Protocol and met all mandatory reporting requirements. The Executive Committee is therefore optimistic that, in the next two years, the Federated States of Micronesia will continue the implementation of its HCFC phase-out management plan with outstanding success in order to sustain the 2013 HCFC freeze and meet the Montreal Protocol target of 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015.

Nauru

16. The Executive Committee reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Nauru and noted with appreciation that Nauru has maintained compliance with the Montreal Protocol and met all mandatory reporting requirements. The Executive Committee is therefore optimistic that, in the next two years, Nauru will continue the implementation of its HCFC phase-out management plan with outstanding success in order to sustain the 2013 HCFC freeze and to meet the Montreal Protocol target of 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015.

Nepal

17. The Executive Committee reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Nepal and noted with appreciation that Nepal has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that the country is in compliance with the Montreal Protocol targets. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Nepal will continue to implement its HCFC phase-out management plan with success in order to meet the Montreal Protocol target of 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015.

Paraguay

18. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Paraguay and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2012 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat and 2012 country programme implementation data to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat. The Executive Committee noted that the HCFC phase-out management plan for Paraguay has already been approved and its implementation is ongoing satisfactorily. The Executive Committee is therefore confident that Paraguay will further sustain the phase-out of CFCs and continue the activities both at the project and policy levels to enable the country to meet the Montreal Protocol target of 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015.

Republic of Moldova (the)

19. The Executive Committee reviewed the report submitted with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for the Republic of Moldova and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2012 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat and 2012 country programme implementation data to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat. The Executive Committee noted that HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I) of the Republic of Moldova has already been approved and its implementation is progressing well. The Executive Committee is therefore confident that the Republic of Moldova will continue activities both at the project and policy levels to enable the country to meet the 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015 as per the Montreal Protocol target.

Sri Lanka

20. The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request (phase X) for Sri Lanka and noted with appreciation that the country successfully sustained complete CFC phase-out. In its submission, Sri Lanka has also demonstrated effective monitoring and coordination of ODS phase-out activities and implementation of its HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) by closely working with industries and key stakeholders, specifically controlling imports of HCFCs and HCFC-based equipment through a licensing and quota system, capacity building activities for customs officers and end-users of HCFC-based equipment, and extensive awareness raising among key stakeholders and general public. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Sri Lanka will continue with the implementation of its country programme and HPMP with outstanding success to sustain ODS phase-out activities and achieve HCFC control target, in particular 2015, as agreed under the Montreal Protocol.

Tuvalu

21. The Executive Committee reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Tuvalu and noted with appreciation that the country has maintained compliance with the Montreal Protocol and met all mandatory reporting requirements. The Executive Committee is therefore optimistic that, in the next two years, Tuvalu will continue the implementation of its HCFC phase-out management plan with outstanding success in order to sustain the 2013 HCFC freeze and to meet the Montreal Protocol target of 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015.

United Republic of Tanzania (the)

22. The Executive Committee reviewed the information presented with the institutional strengthening renewal request for the United Republic of Tanzania and noted with appreciation that the country reported 2012 Article 7 data to the Ozone Secretariat and is compliant with the Montreal Protocol targets. The

Executive Committee is therefore confident that, in the next two years, the United Republic of Tanzania will continue the implementation of the licensing and quota system, the HCFC phase-out management plan, and sustain zero CFC consumption and achieve subsequent HCFC phase-out targets of the Montreal Protocol.

Vanuatu

23. The Executive Committee reviewed the report of the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Vanuatu and noted with appreciation that the country has maintained compliance with the Montreal Protocol and met all mandatory reporting requirements. The Executive Committee is therefore optimistic that, in the next two years, Vanuatu will continue the implementation of national activities in order to sustain the 2013 HCFC freeze and meet the Montreal Protocol target of 10 per cent reduction in the baseline consumption of HCFCs by 2015.