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The Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol requested the Executive Committee and the Fund Secretariat to provide assistance to Hungary, Bulgaria and Poland in exploring and identifying possible ways and means of making contribution in kind (Decision IV/21: Temporary difficulties encountered by Hungary, Bulgaria, and Poland).

The Sub-committee on the outstanding contributions established at the Ninth Meeting of the Executive Committee identified six Parties with contributions in arrears as countries that experience temporary difficulties. The Sub-committee reported that contribution in kind can be used to meet the outstanding contribution of these countries.

The Secretariat contacted Bulgaria, Belarus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, the Slovak Republic, the Russian Federation and Ukraine and drew their attention to Decision IV/21 and provided them with all the information available in the Secretariat in the respect of in-kind contribution. The Secretariat requested these Parties to provide information on actions and/or decisions regarding their in-kind contribution to the Multilateral Fund in order to prepare a report for consideration by the Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Secretariat received responses from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

One Party (Poland) confirmed its willingness to pay its outstanding contribution to the Multilateral Fund. One Party (the Czech Republic) stated that a contribution in the amount of US \$100,000 would be paid in 1993 and that the rest of Czech Republic's share of contributions of the former Czechoslovakia can be provided as in-kind contribution (experts; technology transfer; technical documentation, and training).

One Party (Ukraine) requested for reclassification because of its annual per capita consumption of controlled substances per capita is less than 0.3 kg and amounts to only 0.12 kg. However, the possibility of making in-kind contribution to the Multilateral Fund was mentioned as "in the form of certain participation" without any elaboration.

One Party (Hungary) confirmed its obligations to the Multilateral Fund and proposed to discuss the practical mechanism of delivering its in-kind contribution to Article 5 countries by supplying HFC-134a compressors, and by providing training and servicing in the refrigeration sector. Other possibilities of in-kind contribution are also being explored.

One Party (the Russian Federation) will provide the information in respect of its obligations during the Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The aforementioned information indicates that some Parties encountering temporary difficulties are determined to cooperate with the Multilateral Fund in order to meet their outstanding contributions.

Recommendations

1. Statements made by Poland and the Czech Republic regarding their payments of outstanding contribution should be taken into consideration. The Treasurer is requested to send official notification to the financial authorities in Poland and the Czech Republic regarding the amount of their outstanding contributions.
2. The Secretariat and the Implementing Agencies are requested to take the appropriate actions to explore the possibility of making use of the contribution in kind proposed by Hungary in implementation of projects in the refrigeration sector in Article 5 countries.
3. The Secretariat is requested to further investigate the potential of in-kind contribution proposed by the Czech Republic and Ukraine to be used in the Multilateral Fund activities in Article 5 countries. The results of these interactions should be reported to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.