

Annex V

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON RENEWALS OF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE 46TH MEETING

Argentina

1. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Argentina. The Committee notes with appreciation that Argentina has successfully complied with all its current Montreal Protocol control measures. The Executive Committee also notes that Argentina has taken some significant steps towards a more complete legal framework for the control of ODS, as well as several other important initiatives. The Executive Committee greatly appreciates the measures that have been taken by the Government to reduce its ODS consumption and is hopeful that, in the next two years, Argentina will continue its strategic approach to ODS phase-out, including the implementation of ongoing sector and national plans, with outstanding success, to achieve rapid and permanent reductions in its current levels of ODS consumption.

Belize

2. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Belize and notes with appreciation that Belize reported 2004 data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that Belize's CFC consumption is below the level required in the approved action plan. The Executive Committee also notes that within the framework of the institutional strengthening project, Belize has taken significant steps to phase out its ODS consumption. Specifically, the establishment of a certification and licensing scheme for refrigeration technicians, as well as measures for the prevention of illegal CFC trade and the monitoring of RMP activities. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Belize will continue with the implementation of its country programme and refrigerant management plan activities with outstanding success in the reduction of current CFC consumption levels.

Democratic Republic of Congo

3. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for the Democratic Republic of Congo (D.R. Congo) and notes with appreciation that the D.R. Congo reported 2004 data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that CFC consumption in D.R. Congo is substantially below the CFC consumption freeze level. The Executive Committee also notes that within the framework of the institutional strengthening project, the D.R. Congo has taken significant steps to phase out its ODS consumption. Specifically, the establishment of a National Ozone Unit, establishing a data collection system and carrying out training courses for customs officers and refrigeration technicians. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, the D.R. Congo will continue with the implementation of its country programme and refrigerant management plan activities with outstanding success in the reduction of current CFC consumption levels.

Jordan

4. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and notes with appreciation that Jordan reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that the 2005, 50 per cent CFC phase-out target was achieved ahead of time. The Executive Committee also notes that within the framework of the institutional strengthening project, Jordan has taken significant steps to phase-out its ODS consumption in other areas such as halons and methyl bromide. Specifically, the coordination of implementation of the national CFC, halon and methyl bromide phase-out plan; the completion of training workshops for customs officers and implementation of an import control system; the continuation of awareness raising activities to ensure stakeholders' commitment to ODS phase-out, and; development of a methyl bromide strategy. The Executive Committee greatly supports the efforts of Jordan to reduce the consumption of ODS. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Jordan will continue with the implementation of its country programme and activities under the national ODS phase-out plan, with outstanding success in the reduction of current ODS consumption levels.

Oman

5. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Oman and notes with appreciation that Oman has reported data to the Ozone Secretariat that was lower than its 1995-1997 average CFC compliance baseline. Oman therefore appears to be in compliance with the CFC consumption freeze level. The Executive Committee also notes that within the framework of the institutional strengthening project, Oman has taken significant steps to phase out its ODS consumption. Specifically, implementation of legislation to control ODS imports and a system for monitoring of ODS consumption, the organization of training workshops for customs officers and the organization of awareness activities to reinforce the commitment of stakeholders to ODS phase out. The Executive Committee greatly supports the efforts of Oman to reduce the consumption of ODS. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Oman will continue with the implementation of its country programme and refrigerant management plan activities with outstanding success in the reduction of current ODS consumption levels.

Thailand

6. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Thailand. The Committee notes with appreciation that over the past four years Thailand has effectively implemented its national CFC phase-out plan and has successfully met the commitments in the plan. The Committee also appreciates the efforts that were taken to develop the national methyl bromide phase-out plan, which will enable the country to phase out its consumption of methyl bromide for non-QPS applications. Specifically, Thailand has coordinated the work of all the agencies which have a role in ensuring compliance, and has conducted training, monitoring and enforcement activities and awareness raising campaigns. The Executive Committee greatly appreciates the steps taken by the Government of Thailand to reduce its overall ODS consumption. The Committee is hopeful that

during the next two years, Thailand will continue with its strategic approach to ODS phase-out with outstanding success and will sustain and build upon its current achievements.

Viet Nam

7. The Executive Committee has reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Viet Nam and notes with appreciation that Viet Nam reported data to the Ozone Secretariat indicating that it has already met the 50 per cent CFC phase-out Montreal Protocol control target for 2005. The Executive Committee also notes that within the framework of the institutional strengthening project, Viet Nam has taken significant steps to phase-out its ODS consumption. Specifically, coordination of implementation of the terminal project in the aerosol sector, preparation of a national CFC and halon phase-out plan; the completion of ongoing projects; organization of training workshops for customs officers; continuation of awareness-raising activities to ensure stakeholders' commitment to ODS phase-out; and, development of a methyl bromide strategy. The Executive Committee greatly supports the efforts of Viet Nam to reduce the consumption of ODS. The Executive Committee is therefore hopeful that, in the next two years, Viet Nam will continue with the implementation of its country programme and refrigerant management plan activities with outstanding success in the reduction of current ODS consumption levels.