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TRANCHE SUBMISSION DELAYS**Introduction**

1. Pursuant to decision 47/50(d),² the Secretariat has prepared the present document. It presents actions taken in response to decisions on tranche submission delays under multi-year agreements (MYAs) adopted at the 95th meeting and an analysis of each of the MYA tranches that were due but were not submitted to the 96th meeting. It also provides an overview of the reasons for the delays and the impact on compliance with the countries' obligations under the Montreal Protocol, and the Secretariat's recommendation.

I. Follow-up to decisions taken on tranche submission delays at the 95th meeting

2. At the 95th meeting, 14 of the 30 countries scheduled to submit MYA tranche requests did not do so on time, representing a non-submission rate of 46 per cent. Additionally, one country submitted, but subsequently withdrew, its tranche request during the project review process.

3. Consequently, pursuant to decision 95/26(b), the Secretariat sent letters to the Governments of the 15 Article 5 countries contained in annex XII to the report of the 95th meeting, urging the submission of the next tranche of their HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) or HFC-23 emission control project. As a result, the Governments of Botswana,³ El Salvador,⁴ and Ethiopia⁵ submitted respective tranches of their HPMPs to the 96th meeting.

¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/96/1

² The Executive Committee decided that a separate sub-agenda item on delays in the submission of annual tranches and disbursement of funds for tranches and obligations should be included for future meetings.

³ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/96/28

⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/96/33

⁵ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/96/35

4. However, MYA tranche requests for the following countries: Afghanistan,⁶ Argentina, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, South Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, and Thailand have not been submitted.⁷

II. Analysis of tranches not submitted to the 96th meeting

5. Forty-one activities associated with tranches of HPMPs or the HFC-23 emission control project for 27 countries, including those referred to in paragraph 4, at a total value of US \$15,953,811 (including agency support costs), due for submission to the 96th meeting, were not submitted, as shown in annex I to the present document.⁸

III. Reasons for delays and impact on compliance

6. The reasons for delays in the submission of MYA tranches include: disbursement below the 20 per cent threshold of approved funds for the previous tranche (21); sufficient funds from previous tranche approved (10); Government decisions, and/or endorsements, and/or changes in the national ozone unit, and/or structural change (8); lack of verification report (7); political situation or security issues (5); submission of progress and financial reports (4); technical issues (4); lead or cooperating agency not ready for submission (2); operational delays (2); and procurement delays (1). For the delays in the submissions, more than one reason may apply.

7. As reported by the relevant bilateral and implementing agencies, delays in the submission of MYA tranches that were past due would have no impact on compliance with the countries' obligations under the Montreal Protocol. All outstanding tranches are expected to be submitted to the 97th meeting.

IV. Recommendation

8. The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note:
 - (i) The report on tranche submission delays contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/96/15;
 - (ii) The information on tranche submission delays under multi-year agreements (MYAs) submitted by the Governments of Australia and Germany, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank;
 - (iii) That 22 out of 63 activities (15 out of 42 countries) related to MYA tranches due for submission at the 96th meeting had been submitted on time;
 - (iv) That relevant bilateral and implementing agencies had indicated that the late submission of the MYA tranches due for submission at the first meeting in 2025 would have no impact on countries' compliance with the Montreal Protocol, and that there was no indication that any of the countries concerned were in non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol control measures; and

⁶ The second tranche of stage II of the HPMP for Afghanistan was to be submitted at the 96th meeting after the project was transferred to UNIDO at the 95th meeting.

⁷ The tranches for Guyana, Kenya, and Mauritius could be submitted to the 97th meeting (annex XII of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/95/94).

⁸ For comparison, at the 95th meeting, 24 activities associated with tranches of HPMPs for 14 countries that were due were not submitted.

- (b) To request the Secretariat to send letters to the relevant Governments regarding the decisions on tranche submission delays contained in annex I to the present report.

Annex I

TRANCHES NOT SUBMITTED TO THE 96TH MEETING

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs) (US \$)	Reason for delay/withdrawal	Recommendations
Argentina (Stage II)	UNIDO	2024	983,463	20 per cent disbursement threshold/ technical issues	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the third (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Argentina to work with UNIDO so that the fourth (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Argentina (Control of emissions of HFC-23 generated in the production of HCFC-22 in Frio Industrias Argentina)	UNIDO	2024	13,650	Lack of verification report	Noting the delays due to the fact that the mandatory verification on control of emissions of HFC-23 generated in the production of HCFC-22 had not been completed, and urging the Government of Argentina to work with UNIDO to complete the verification so that the second (2024) tranche of the project for the control of emissions of HFC-23 generated in the production of HCFC-22 in Frio Industrias Argentina could be submitted to the 97 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranches.
Bahamas (the) (Stage II)	UNEP	2025	85,315	Lack of verification report	Noting the delays due to the fact that the mandatory verification on HCFC consumption targets had not been completed and urging the Government of the Bahamas to work with UNEP to complete the verification and with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting.
	UNIDO	2025	145,057	20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Barbados (Stage II)	UNEP	2025	59,325	20 per cent disbursement threshold/ lack of verification report/submission of progress and financial reports	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the first (2022) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, that the mandatory verification on HCFC consumption targets had not been completed, and the non-submission of the progress and financial reports, and urging the Government of Barbados to work with UNEP to complete the verification and to submit the required progress and financial reports and with UNEP and UNDP so that the second (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNDP	2025	105,730	20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Benin (Stage II)	UNEP	2025	236,100	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting the delays due to sufficient funds from the previous tranche approved and urging the Government of Benin to work with UNEP so that the second (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting.

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs) (US \$)	Reason for delay/withdrawal	Recommendations
Brunei Darussalam (Stage II)	UNEP	2024	85,993	Lack of verification report	Noting that the mandatory verification on HCFC consumption targets had not been completed and urging the Government of Brunei Darussalam to work with UNEP to complete the verification, and with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2024	167,860	20 per cent disbursement threshold/ technical issues	
Cabo Verde (Stage II)	UNEP	2024	148,030	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the national ozone unit (NOU)	Noting the delays due to the structural changes within the Government and urging the Government of Cabo Verde to work with UNEP so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranches.
Cambodia (Stage I)	UNEP	2025	226,000	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting the delays due to sufficient funds from the previous tranche approved and urging the Government of Cambodia to work with UNEP so that the seventh (2025) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting.
Chad (Stage II)	UNEP	2025	234,698	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting the delays due to sufficient funds from the previous tranche approved and urging the Government of Chad to work with UNEP so that the second (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting.
Cuba (Stage II)	UNDP	2025	222,560	20 per cent disbursement threshold/ procurement delays	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the third (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Cuba to work with UNDP so that the fourth (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the) (Stage II)	UNEP	2024	180,267	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/submission of progress and financial reports	Noting the delays due to the non-submission of the progress and financial reports, and urging the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to work with UNEP to submit the required progress and financial reports and to work with UNEP and UNDP so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranches.
	UNDP	2024	225,235	20 per cent disbursement threshold/ operational delays	

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Grenada (Stage II)	UNEP	2025	44,861	20 per cent disbursement threshold/ lack of verification report/submission of progress and financial reports	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the first (2022) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and that the mandatory verification on HCFC consumption targets had not been completed, and the non-submission of the progress and financial reports, and urging the Government of Grenada to work with UNEP to complete the verification and to submit the required progress and financial reports and with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNIDO	2025	13,161	20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Indonesia (Stage III)	UNDP	2025	5,794,084	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the first (2023) tranche of stage III of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Indonesia to work with UNDP and the Government of Australia so that the second (2025) tranche of stage III of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	Australia	2025	463,113	20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Kuwait (Stage II)	UNEP	2025	299,298	20 per cent disbursement threshold/ sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the second (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Kuwait to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNIDO	2025	64,200	20 per cent disbursement threshold/ technical issues	
Madagascar (Stage II)	UNEP	2025	232,756	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting the delays due to sufficient funds from the previous tranche approved and urging the Government of Madagascar to work with UNEP so that the second (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting.
Montenegro (Stage II)	UNIDO	2025	68,480	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the second (2022) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Montenegro to work with UNIDO so that the third (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Namibia	Germany	2025	100,329	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU	Noting the delays due to the change of NOU and urging the Government of Namibia to work with the Government of Germany so that the fifth (2025) tranche of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting.
Niger (the) (Stage II)	UNIDO	2025	177,620	Political situation or security issues	Noting the delays due to the political situation and urging the Government of the Niger to work with UNIDO and UNEP so that the second (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting,
	UNEP	2025	95,485	Political situation or security issues/ sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs) (US \$)	Reason for delay/withdrawal	Recommendations
Peru (Stage II)	UNDP	2025	124,869	Lack of verification report	Noting that the mandatory verification on HCFC consumption targets had not been completed and urging the Government of Peru to work with UNDP to complete the verification, and with UNDP and UNEP so that the fourth (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting.
	UNEP	2025	23,504	Lead or cooperating agency not ready for submission	
Qatar (Stage II)	UNIDO	2025	64,200	20 per cent disbursement threshold/ technical issues	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the second (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Qatar to work with UNIDO and UNEP so that the third (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNEP	2025	77,970	20 per cent disbursement threshold/ Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	UNEP	2025	53,100	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/lack of verification report/submission of progress and financial reports	Noting that the mandatory verification on HCFC consumption targets had not been completed and the non-submission of the progress and financial reports and urging the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to work with UNEP to complete the verification and to submit the required progress and financial reports so that the fourth (2025) tranche of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting.
Senegal (Stage II)	UNEP	2023	202,835	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU	Noting the delays due to the structural changes within the Government and urging the Government of Senegal to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranche.
	UNIDO	2023	103,550	Lead or cooperating agency not ready for submission	
Serbia (Stage II)	UNIDO	2025	33,654	Political situation or security issues/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting the delays due to the political situation and that the overall disbursement rate of the second (2022) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Serbia to work with UNIDO so that the third (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
South Africa (Stage II)	UNIDO	2025	2,863,366	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU	Noting the delays due to the Government's decision to prioritize the finalization of the preparation of stage I of the Kigali HFC implementation plan and urging the Government of South Africa to work with UNIDO so that the second (2025) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting.
South Sudan (Stage I)	UNEP	2024	33,335	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU	Noting the delays due to civil unrest which was affecting operations of the NOU and the operational delays in project setup and urging the Government of South Sudan to work with UNEP and UNDP so that the third (2024) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting.
	UNDP	2024	43,600	20 per cent disbursement threshold/ operational delays	

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Syrian Arab Republic (Stage I)	UNEP	2024	445,295	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting the delays due to the political situation and that the overall disbursement rate of the second (2022) tranche of stage I of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Syrian Arab Republic to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2024) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2024 and subsequent tranche, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNIDO	2024	924,965	Political situation or security issues/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Thailand (Stage II)	World Bank	2022	186,763	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting the delays due to sufficient funds from the previous tranche approved and urging the Government of Thailand to work with the World Bank so that the third (2022) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 97 th meeting.
Total			15,953,811		