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1997 UNDP WORK PROGRAMME

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FUND SECRETARIAT

COMMENTS

1. UNDP is requesting approval of the Executive Committee for US \$2,534,107 for 38 work programme activities as indicated in Table 1.

2. The Secretariat communicated its comments to UNDP and agreements were reached to modify several of the requests.

Table 1

1997 UNDP Work Programme and corresponding funding levels

Country	Activity/Project	Type	Completion Date	Amount Requested (US \$)	Amount Recommended (US \$)
Argentina	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	35,000	35,000
Bahamas	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	15,000	15,000
Bahrain	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	45,000	45,000
Bangladesh	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	10,000	10,000
Bolivia	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	25,000	25,000
Botswana	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	20,000	20,000
Brazil	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	100,000	100,000
China	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	200,000	200,000
China	Country programme update	CPG	Dec. 1997	175,000	0
China	Preparation of a sectoral financing plan for the solvents sector	PRP	Dec. 1997	200,000	0
Congo	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	15,000	15,000
Costa Rica	Renewal of institutional strengthening	INS	Dec. 1998	142,107	0
Costa Rica	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	35,000	35,000
Dominican Republic	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	10,000	10,000
Egypt	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	40,000	40,000
El Salvador	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	45,000	45,000
Gabon	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	20,000	20,000
Gambia	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	20,000	20,000
Guatemala	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	25,000	25,000

Country	Activity/Project	Type	Completion Date	Amount Requested (US \$)	Amount Recommended (US \$)
India	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	120,000	120,000
Indonesia	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	100,000	100,000
Jamaica	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	30,000	30,000
Lesotho	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	20,000	20,000
Malawi	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	15,000	15,000
Malaysia	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	100,000	100,000
Mexico	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	52,000	52,000
Morocco	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	80,000	80,000
Mozambique	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	20,000	20,000
Niger	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	20,000	20,000
Nigeria	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	55,000	55,000
Panama	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	15,000	15,000
Philippines	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	35,000	35,000
Thailand	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	100,000	100,000
Trinidad and Tobago	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	40,000	40,000
Venezuela	Project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	155,000	pending
Global	Methyl bromide project preparation	PRP	Dec. 1997	50,000	50,000
Global	Global methyl bromide technical assistance programme	TAS	Dec. 1998	200,000	0
Unforeseen requests	Project Preparation	PRP		150,000	pending
Sub-Total				2,534,107	pending
Agency support costs	13 per cent			329,434	pending
Total				2,863,541	pending

3. The Executive Committee has approved almost US \$500,000 for the development of a sector phase-out strategy for the halon sector. UNDP is requesting US \$200,000 for the development of a phase-out strategy for the solvent sector. The Executive Committee at this meeting will be considering issues that arise out of the halon sector approach proposed by the World Bank. Many of the issues raised by the Bank's sector strategy approach relate to the use of an economic cost model as the basis of determining incremental costs. UNDP appears to be seeking a similar approach. Funding of a sector approach of this nature may be premature pending the Committee's decisions concerning the issues raised by the Bank's approach.

4. A key aspect of sector strategies is the determination of consumption and data on ODS-consuming enterprises. A country programme update has the same objective. Moreover,

the Executive Committee has provided over US \$100,000 for a country study of China, over US \$200,000 for the development of the country programme, and over US \$9.1 million in project preparation and technical assistance funding. From these activities, in particular the project preparation funding to-date, the ozone unit in China should also be well-equipped to monitor information about the phase-out needs in China.

5. UNDP submitted a request for the renewal of Costa Rica's institutional strengthening project for US \$142,107. The request could not be recommended for approval because the request did not include a progress report which is a requirement for the renewal of institutional strengthening per decision 19/29. This requirement was communicated to the Government of Costa Rica, but a progress report had not been received as of 20 January 1997.

6. UNDP is requesting funding for project preparation for the shut-down of Venezuela's production enterprise. As production sector guidelines have not yet been approved by the Executive Committee, funding appears premature. UNDP is also requesting funding for the development of a US \$1.2 million recycling programme for Venezuela. The Executive Committee has already approved over US \$500,000 for recycling activities in Venezuela and is awaiting a report on the status of a demonstration project in halon banking. Additional project preparation for recycling should be deferred pending the receipt of the report on existing recycling activities.

7. The Interim Guidelines on Methyl Bromide projects states that the Executive Committee should allocate a total of US \$100,000 of project preparation funds to the implementing agencies for their 1997 work programme (decision 20/49, Annex VI, para. 6). Although the request for a Global methyl bromide technique assistance programme is submitted as a technical assistance project, paragraph 19 of UNDP's work programme notes that the technical advice, including that from MBTOC members, would assist developing country Governments decide which of several options they would wish to pursue in the preparation of formal demonstration project proposals.