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BILATERAL COOPERATION

The Fund Secretariat received the following requests for bilateral cooperation:

PROJECT TITLE	BILATERAL AGENCY
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, first tranche) in Kenya	France
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, first tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector) in India	Germany
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, balance of the first tranche) in Zimbabwe	Germany
National methyl bromide phase-out plan (third tranche) in Mexico	Spain

Note on the organization of the document

1. This document provides an overview of requests from bilateral agencies, and whether these are eligible for approval by the Executive Committee in light of the maximum level of bilateral cooperation available for 2012. It cross-references relevant meeting documents that include a discussion on the bilateral requests, and contains the standard recommendation on the year of assignment for bilateral cooperation.

2. One project is fully addressed in this document and three are addressed under the respective documents and only cross referenced here.

Introduction

3. A total of four projects for bilateral cooperation with a value of US \$2,683,091 (including agency fees) have been received by the Secretariat for approval at the 66th meeting. One from the Government of France, two from the Government of Germany, and one from the Government of Spain, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1

VALUE AND NUMBER OF PROJECTS FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION, BY BILATERAL AGENCY (including agency fees)

Bilateral Agency	Amount Requested (US\$)	Number of Projects
France	288,686	1
Germany	1,501,405	2
Spain	893,000	1
Total	2,683,091	4

REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE

Introduction

4. Table 2 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of France. The value of this request (US \$288,686) does not exceed 20 per cent of France’s contribution for 2012 (US \$2,082,959).

Table 2

SUBMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE

Project Title	Country	Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Recommended (US\$)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, first tranche)	Kenya	257,500	(1)
Agency Fee		31,186	
TOTAL		288,686	

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/66/39

KENYA: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, first tranche) (US \$257,500)

5. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/66/39.

REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY**Introduction**

6. Table 3 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Germany. The value of this request (US \$1,501,405) does not exceed 20 per cent of Germany's contribution for 2012 (US \$2,727,612). It includes the amount of US \$469,513 (including agency fees) for the HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, balance of the first tranche) for Zimbabwe in light of decision 65/14(b)(ii) which requested the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 65th meeting by US \$8,446 (including agency fees) against the balance of Germany's bilateral contribution for 2009-2011 and US \$469,513 (including agency fees) to be offset against Germany's approved pledge for 2012-2014.

Table 3

SUBMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY

Project Title	Country	Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Recommended (US\$)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, first tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector)	India	925,452*	(1)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, balance of the first tranche)	Zimbabwe	419,417	419,417
Agency Fee		156,536	50,096
Total		1,501,405	469,513

* Original amount submitted

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/66/38

INDIA: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, first tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector) (US \$925,452)

7. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/66/38.

ZIMBABWE: Second payment for the first tranche of stage I of the (HCFC phase-out management plan) (US \$419,417)

8. On behalf of the Government of Zimbabwe the Government of Germany, as the designated implementing agency, submitted to the 65th meeting stage I of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) together with a request for funding for the first tranche of stage I. Subsequently, the Executive Committee approved in principle stage I of the HPMP for the period 2011 to 2020 to meet the 35 per cent reduction in HCFC consumption, at the amount of US \$1,038,818 plus agency support costs of US \$124,270, for the Government of Germany. The first tranche, amounting to US \$426,891 plus agency support costs of US \$51,068, was also approved noting that US \$7,474 plus agency support costs of US \$972, were to be allocated at the 65th meeting and that the Government of Germany would submit a

request for the remaining balance of US \$419,417, plus agency support costs of US \$50,096, to the 66th meeting (decision 65/34).

9. Pursuant to decision 65/34, and on behalf of the Government of Zimbabwe, the Government of Germany has submitted a request for the total amount of US \$469,513 including agency support costs of US \$469,513 as the second payment for the first tranche of stage I of the HPMP for approval by the Executive Committee at its 66th meeting.

Secretariat's comments

10. On 1 March 2012, the Government of Zimbabwe ratified the Montreal and Beijing Amendments to the Montreal Protocol.

11. Upon a request for clarification from the Secretariat, the Government of Germany indicated that, following the approval of the HPMP, an action plan was agreed between the Governments of Zimbabwe and Germany and a memorandum of understanding between the foam enterprises to be converted to hydrocarbon technology and Germany was finalized. Furthermore, the specification for the purchase of necessary equipment is being drafted and will be ready for tendering by April 2012. The competitive bidding process is likely to take approximately three months, which will still allow for the conversion of the enterprises by the end of 2012.

12. The Ozone Unit has drafted a plan of activities related to the refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing sector for 2012. The Government of Zimbabwe is intending to conduct a stakeholder workshop on the HPMP in mid March 2012. Subsequently, the Government is planning to update the existing customs training handbook to include the phased reduction of HCFCs and soon after initiate training courses for customs officers.

Secretariat's recommendation

13. The Secretariat recommends blanket approval of the second payment of the first tranche of stage I of the HPMP for Zimbabwe at the level of funding shown in Table 3 of this document.

REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN

14. Table 4 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Spain. The value of this request (US \$893,000) does not exceed 20 per cent of Spain's contribution for 2012 (US \$1,080,771).

Table 4

SUBMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN

Project Title	Country	Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Recommended (US\$)
National methyl bromide phase-out plan (third tranche)	Mexico	800,000	(1)
Agency Fee		93,000	
Total		893,000	

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/66/41

MEXICO: National methyl bromide phase-out plan (third tranche) (US \$800,000)

15. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/66/41.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

16. The Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) To request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 66th meeting as follows:
 - (i) [US \$XXX] (including agency fees) against the balance of the France's bilateral contribution for 2012;
 - (ii) [US \$XXX] (including agency fees) against the balance of Germany's bilateral contribution for 2012; and
 - (iii) [US \$XXX] (including agency fees) against the balance of Spain's bilateral contribution for 2012.
