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BILATERAL COOPERATION

The Fund Secretariat received the following request for bilateral cooperation:

PROJECT TITLE	BILATERAL AGENCY
Pilot demonstration project on ODS waste management and disposal in Algeria	France*
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche) in Kenya	France
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche) in Afghanistan	Germany
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche) in Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Germany
Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II) in Brazil	Germany
Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II) in Colombia	Germany
Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II) in India	Germany*
Preparation for HCFC phase-out investment activities (stage II) (foam sector) in Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Germany*
Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II) in Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Germany*
HCFC phase-out management plan (second tranche) in Mauritius	Germany
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (HC demonstration and training) in Mexico	Germany*
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, third tranche) in Ghana	Italy
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (reclamation of HCFC refrigerants) in Mexico	Italy
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, third tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector including enabling programme) in China	Japan

* Not included in the 2014-2016 business plan.

Pre-session documents of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol are without prejudice to any decision that the Executive Committee might take following issuance of the document.

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 2014. 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.

Overview

2. A total of fourteen projects for bilateral cooperation with a value of US \$1,889,484 (including agency fees) has been submitted to the 72nd meeting as shown in Table 1.

Table.1 Value and number of projects for bilateral cooperation, by bilateral agency (including agency support costs)

Bilateral Agency	Amount Requested (US\$)	Number of Projects
France	506,722	2
Germany	895,506	9
Italy	396,856	2
Japan	90,400	1
Total	1,889,484	14

Request from the Government of France

3. Table 2 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of France. The value of this request (US \$506,722), does not exceed the 20 per cent of France's 2014 bilateral contribution (US \$2,082,959).

Table.2 Submission from the Government of France

Project Title	Country	Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Recommended (US\$)
Pilot demonstration project on ODS waste management and disposal	Algeria	250,000	(*)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche)	Kenya	200,000	(**)
Agency support cost		56,722	
Total		506,722	

(*) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/19

(**) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/30

4. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat on the above request are found in documents UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/19 and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/30.

Request from the Government of Germany

5. Table 3 provides a summary of the requests for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Germany. The value of Germany's request (US \$895,506), combined with the amount of US \$7,602,246 approved in 2012-2013 exceeds the 20 per cent of Germany's 2012-2014 bilateral contribution of US \$8,182,837 by US \$314,915, as 100 per cent of 2012 and 2013 and part of 2014 Germany's allocations is utilized. Since the year 2014 is the last of the 2012-2014 triennium, the maximum amount to be approved in the bilateral assistance programme for Germany at the 72nd meeting should not exceed that of US \$580,591.

Table.3 Submission from the Government of Germany

Project Title	Country	Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Recommended (US\$)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche)	Afghanistan	84,000	(*)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche)	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	94,500	(**)
Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II)	Brazil	30,000	30,000
Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II)	Colombia	15,000	15,000
Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II)	India	20,000	20,000
Preparation for HCFC phase-out investment activities (stage II) (foam sector)	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	75,000	75,000
Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II)	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	20,000	20,000
HCFC phase-out management plan (second tranche)	Mauritius	131,400	(***)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (HC demonstration and training)	Mexico	325,000	(****)
Sub-total		794,900	160,000
Agency support cost		100,606	20,800
Total		895,506	180,800

(*) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/18

(**) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/21

(***) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/32

(****) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/33

6. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat on the above requests are found in documents UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/18, UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/21, UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/32 and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/33.

Project preparation of HCFC phase-out management plans/HCFC phase-out investment activities (stage II)

Project description

7. The Government of Germany submitted the following requests for the preparation of stage II of HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) and HCFC phase-out investment activities for Brazil, Colombia, India and Iran (Islamic Republic of) as cooperating agency. The details of the activities that

will be undertaken during the project preparation process are described in the work programme of UNDP¹ as the lead implementing agency.

Fund Secretariat's comments

8. The Secretariat considered all the above submissions in light of the detailed proposals provided through the lead implementing agency, and determined that the information received and the funding requested is consistent with decision 71/42. The amounts indicated for the countries in Table 3 above are for the Government of Germany only. Additional funding is reflected in the work programme of UNDP.

Fund Secretariat's recommendation

9. The Fund Secretariat recommends blanket approval for the requests of the Government of Germany's components for project preparation for the HCFC phase-out management plans/HCFC phase-out investment activities (stage II) for Brazil, Colombia, India and Iran (Islamic Republic of) at the level of funding shown in Table 3 of this document.

Request from the Government of Italy

10. Table 4 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Italy. The value of this request (US \$396,856) does not exceed the 20 per cent of Italy's 2014 bilateral contribution (US \$1,700,590).

Table.4 Submission from the Government of Italy

Project Title	Country	Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Recommended (US\$)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, third tranche)	Ghana	70,000	(*)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (reclamation of HCFC refrigerants)	Mexico	281,200	(**)
		45,656	
Total		396,856	

(*) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/27

(**) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/33

11. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/27 and UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/33.

Request from the Government of Japan

12. Table 5 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Japan. The value of this request (US \$90,400) does not exceed the 20 per cent of Japan's 2014 bilateral contribution (US \$4,262,532).

¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/14

Table.5 Submission from the Government of Japan

Project Title	Country	Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Recommended (US\$)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, third tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector including enabling programme)	China	80,000	(*)
Agency support cost		10,400	
Total		90,400	

(*) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/24

13. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/72/24.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

14. The Executive Committee may wish to request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral project approved at the 72nd meeting as follows:

- (a) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of France's bilateral contribution for 2014;
- (b) US \$580,591 (including agency fees) against the balance of Germany's bilateral contribution for 2012 – 2014 and US \$XX to be offset against Germany's bilateral contribution for 2015 – 2017;
- (c) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of Italy's bilateral contribution for 2014; and
- (d) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of Japan's bilateral contribution for 2014.
