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BILATERAL COOPERATION

1. The Secretariat received the following request for bilateral cooperation:

| PROJECT TITLE | BILATERAL AGENCY |
|---|-------------------------|
| HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche) in Tunisia | France |
| HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing sector plan and enabling component) in China | Germany |
| HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, fourth tranche) in Ghana | Italy |
| HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing sector plan and enabling component) in China | Japan |
| HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector) in Vietnam | Japan |
| Development of a regional centre of excellence for training and certification and demonstration of low-global warming potential alternative refrigerants in the Europe region | Russian Federation |

2. This document provides an overview of requests from bilateral agencies, and whether these are eligible in light of the maximum level of bilateral cooperation available for 2016. It cross-references relevant meeting documents that include a discussion on the bilateral requests, and contains the recommendation on the year of assignment for bilateral cooperation.

Overview

3. A total of 6 projects for bilateral cooperation with a value of US \$1,874,882 (including agency fees) has been submitted to the 76th meeting as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Projects for bilateral cooperation, submitted to the 76th meeting

| Bilateral Agency | Amount Requested (US\$)* | Number of Projects |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| France | 444,354 | 1 |
| Germany | 336,000 | 1 |
| Italy | 73,450 | 1 |
| Japan | 354,402 | 2 |
| Russian Federation | 666,676 | 1 |
| Total | 1,874,882 | 6 |

* Including agency support costs

Request from the Government of France

4. Table 2 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of France. The value of this request (US \$444,354) does not exceed the 20 per cent of France's 2016 bilateral contribution of US \$2,260,651.

Table 2. Projects submitted by the Government of France

| Project Title | Country | Amount Requested (US\$) | Amount Recommended (US\$) |
|--|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche) | Tunisia | 394,397 | (1) |
| Agency support costs | | 49,957 | |
| Total | | 444,354 | |

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/51

Tunisia: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, second tranche) (US \$394,397)

5. The comments and recommendations of the Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/51.

Request from the Government of Germany

6. Table 3 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Germany. The value of this request (US \$336,000), after taking into account the amount (US \$4,658,409) approved at the 73rd, 74th and 75th meetings¹, exceeds the 20 per cent of Germany's 2016 bilateral contribution of US \$2,886,342, but is within the 20 per cent allocation for the 2015-2017 triennium (US \$8,659,025).

Table 3. Projects submitted by the Government of Germany

| Project Title | Country | Amount Requested (US\$) | Amount Recommended (US\$) |
|--|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing sector plan and enabling component) | China | 300,000 | (1) |
| Agency support costs | | 36,000 | |
| TOTAL | | 336,000 | |

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/25

¹ An amount of US \$659,452 approved at the 73rd meeting and US \$323,021 at the 74th meeting was assigned to 2015 Germany bilateral contribution. US \$3,675,936 was approved at the 75th meeting.

China: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing sector plan and enabling component) (US \$300,000)

7. The comments and recommendations of the Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/25.

Request from the Government of Italy

8. Table 4 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Italy. The value of this request (US \$73,450) does not exceed the 20 per cent of Italy's 2016 bilateral contribution of US \$1,797,850.

Table 4. Project submitted by the Government of Italy

| Project Title | Country | Amount Requested (US\$) | Amount Recommended (US\$) |
|--|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, fourth tranche) | Ghana | 65,000 | (1) |
| Agency support costs | | 8,450 | |
| Total | | 73,450 | |

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/32

Ghana: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, fourth tranche) (US \$65,000)

9. The comments and recommendations of the Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/32.

Request from the Government of Japan

10. Table 5 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Japan. The value of this request (US \$354,402) does not exceed the 20 per cent of Japan's 2016 bilateral contribution (US \$4,378,622).

Table 5. Project submitted by the Government of Japan

| Project Title | Country | Amount Requested (US\$) | Amount Recommended (US\$) |
|--|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing sector plan and enabling component) | China | 80,000 | (1) |
| HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector) | Vietnam | 233,630 | (2) |
| Agency support costs | | 40,772 | |
| Total | | 354,402 | |

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/25

(2) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/55

China: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing sector plan and enabling component) (US \$80,000)

11. The comments and recommendations of the Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/25.

Vietnam: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) (refrigeration servicing sector) (US \$233,630)

12. The comments and recommendations of the Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/55.

Request from the Government of the Russian Federation

13. Table 6 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of the Russian Federation. The value of this request (US \$666,676) does not exceed the 20 per cent of the Russian Federation’s 2016 bilateral contribution (US \$985,422).

Table 6. Project submitted by the Government of the Russian Federation

| Project Title | Country | Amount Requested (US\$) | Amount Recommended (US\$) |
|--|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Development of a regional centre of excellence for training and certification and demonstration of low-global warming potential alternative refrigerants | Europe region | 591,600 | (1) |
| Agency support costs | | 75,076 | |
| Total | | 666,676 | |

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/57

Europe region: Development of a regional centre of excellence for training and certification and demonstration of low-global warming potential alternative refrigerants (US \$591,600)

14. The comments and recommendations of the Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/57.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

15. The Executive Committee may wish to request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 76th meeting as follows:

- (a) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of France’s bilateral contribution for 2016;
- (b) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of Germany’s bilateral contribution for 2015-2017;
- (c) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of Italy’s bilateral contribution for 2016;
- (d) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of Japan’s bilateral contribution for 2016; and
- (e) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of the Russian Federation’s bilateral contribution for 2016.