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Item 8(b) of the provisional agenda<sup>1</sup>

**TRANCHE SUBMISSION DELAYS****Introduction**

1. Pursuant to decision 47/50(d),<sup>2</sup> the Secretariat has prepared the present document. It presents actions taken in response to decisions on tranche submission delays adopted at the 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting; an analysis of each of the tranches that were due but were not submitted to the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting and the tranches that were submitted but subsequently withdrawn during the project review process. 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 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting**

2. At the 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting, 15<sup>3</sup> of the 31 countries that had been scheduled to submit tranche requests, had not done so on time, representing a non-submission rate of 48 per cent. Subsequently, the Executive Committee *inter alia* requested the Secretariat to send letters to the relevant Governments regarding the decisions on tranche submission delays contained in annex IX to the report of the 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting (decision 93/27(b)).

3. Pursuant to decision 93/27(b), the Secretariat sent letters to the Governments of 17 Article 5 countries<sup>4</sup> to urge the submission of the next tranche of their HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs). As a result, the Governments of Bosnia and Herzegovina,<sup>5</sup> China,<sup>6</sup> Egypt,<sup>7</sup> the Islamic

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/1

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Excluding China in the room air-conditioner manufacturing and heat pump water heaters sector plan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, whose tranche requests were submitted to the 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting but were subsequently withdrawn.

<sup>4</sup> Including two countries that had submitted but subsequently withdrawn their tranche request.

<sup>5</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/24

<sup>6</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/29

<sup>7</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/33

Republic of Iran,<sup>8</sup> the Lao People's Democratic Republic,<sup>9</sup> Sri Lanka,<sup>10</sup> and Timor-Leste,<sup>11</sup> submitted respective tranches of their HPMPs to the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting.

4. However, the Governments of Afghanistan,<sup>12</sup> Algeria, Botswana, Dominica, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Mauritius, Nepal, and Senegal did not submit their tranche requests.

## **II. Analysis of tranches not submitted to the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting**

5. Twenty-eight activities associated with tranches of HPMPs for 17 countries including those referred to in paragraph 4, at a total value of US \$10,120,181 (including agency support costs), due for submission to the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting were not submitted, as shown in annex I to the present document.<sup>13</sup>

## **III. Reasons for delays and impact on compliance**

6. The reasons for delays in the submission of tranches of HPMPs include: disbursement below the 20 per cent threshold of approved funds for the previous tranche (15); Government decisions, and/or endorsements, and/or changes in the national ozone unit, and/or structural change (12); sufficient funds from previous tranche approved (6); internal or external difficulties (2); submission of progress and financial reports (2); lack of verification report (2); enterprise delays (1); lead or cooperating agency not ready for submission (1); signing of agreement or project document (1); technical issues (1); slow implementation (1); procurement delays (1); and investment component (1). For the delays in the submissions, more than one reason may apply.

7. As reported by the relevant implementing agencies, delays in the submission of 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 95<sup>th</sup> meeting, except for Algeria, who will not request the remaining tranches of stage I of its HPMP, based on the letter received from the Government on 15 April 2024.

## **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/94/13;
- (ii) The information on tranche submission delays under HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) submitted by the Governments of France and Germany and UNDP, UNEP and UNIDO;
- (iii) That 32 out of 60 activities (18 out of 35 countries) related to tranches of HPMPs due for submission at the 94<sup>th</sup> meeting had been submitted on time;

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<sup>8</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/39

<sup>9</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/40

<sup>10</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/54

<sup>11</sup> UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/94/55

<sup>12</sup> The tranche for Afghanistan could be submitted to the 95<sup>th</sup> meeting (annex IX of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/105).

<sup>13</sup> For comparison, at the 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting, 25 tranches for 15 countries that were due were not submitted.

- (iv) That relevant bilateral and implementing agencies had indicated that the late submission of the tranches of HPMPs due for submission at the first meeting of 2024 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
- (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 94<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs) (US \$)	Reason for delay/withdrawal	Recommendations
Algeria (Stage I)	UNIDO	2014 and 2017	197,898	Enterprise delays/Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the national ozone unit (NOU)	Noting the enterprise delays due to the challenges in the manufacturing of air-conditioning units based on HFC-32 and that the Government of Algeria would not request the remaining tranches of stage I of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) (third (2014) and fourth (2017))* and urging the Government of Algeria to submit a detailed report on all remaining ongoing activities under stage I of the HPMP to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
Argentina (Control of emissions of HFC-23 generated in the production of HCFC-22 in Frio Industrias Argentina)	UNIDO	2024	13,650	Technical issues	Noting the delays due to delivery of equipment and urging the Government of Argentina to work with UNIDO 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 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
Bahrain (Stage II)	UNEP	2024	62,150	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 Bahrain to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNIDO	2024	22,470	20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Botswana (Stage II)	UNEP	2023	216,683	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU	Noting the delays due to the changes in the NOU, and urging the Government of Botswana to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2023	160,500	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the) (Stage II)	UNEP	2024	180,267	20 per cent disbursement threshold/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the first (2021) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to work with UNEP and UNDP so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNDP	2024	225,235	20 per cent disbursement threshold	

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs) (US \$)	Reason for delay/withdrawal	Recommendations
Dominica (Stage I)	UNEP	2020	18,588	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/lack of verification report/submission of progress and financial reports/internal or external difficulties	Noting the delays due to the changes in the NOU and non-submission of the progress and financial reports, and that the mandatory verification on HCFC consumption targets had not been completed, and urging the Government of Dominica to submit the required progress and financial reports and to work with UNEP to complete the verification so that the third (2020) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2020 tranche.
Ethiopia (Stage II)	UNEP	2024	113,000	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU	Noting the delays in implementation of activities by the Government, and urging the Government of Ethiopia to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
	UNIDO	2024	98,100	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Georgia (Stage II)	UNDP	2024	252,479	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 Georgia to work with UNDP to complete the verification so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
Ghana (Stage II)	UNDP	2024	253,103	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU	Noting the delays in the implementation of activities and that the Government of Ghana had decided to submit the second (2024) tranche request to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting, and urging the Government of Ghana to work with UNDP and UNEP so that the second (2024) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
	UNEP	2024	181,443	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU	
Iraq (Stage II)	UNEP	2022 and 2023	1,383,139	Lead or cooperating agency not ready for submission/investment component	Noting the delays due to the cooperating agency not being ready for submission, and urging the Government of Iraq to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2022) and third (2023) tranches of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2022 and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2022 and 2023	722,250	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Kenya (Stage II)	France	2023	671,075	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the second (2020) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Kenya to work with the Government of France so that the third (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs) (US \$)	Reason for delay/withdrawal	Recommendations
Kuwait (Stage II)	UNEP	2023	1,130,242	20 per cent disbursement threshold/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 that the overall disbursement rate of the first (2021) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Kuwait to submit the required progress and financial reports and to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNIDO	2023	307,732	20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Mauritius	Germany	2023	75,343	Slow implementation/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the fourth (2020) tranche of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Mauritius to work with the Government of Germany so that the fifth (2023) tranche of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Nepal (Stage II)	UNEP	2023	75,710	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU	Noting the delays due to procurement and the changes in the NOU, and urging the Government of Nepal to work with UNEP and UNDP so that the second (2023) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranches.
	UNDP	2023	137,340	Procurement delays	
Pakistan (Stage III)	UNIDO	2024	1,123,286	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the first (2022) tranche of stage III of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Pakistan to work with UNIDO and UNEP so that the second (2024) tranche of stage III of the HPMP could be submitted to the 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNEP	2024	821,853	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/signing of agreement/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Senegal (Stage II)	UNEP	2023	202,835	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting the delays due to internal or external difficulties on supply chain issues post-COVID-19 pandemic and that there are sufficient funds from the previous tranche approved, 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 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2023 and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2023	103,550	Internal or external difficulties	

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs) (US \$)	Reason for delay/withdrawal	Recommendations
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 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 95 <sup>th</sup> meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNIDO	2024	924,965	20 per cent disbursement threshold	
<b>Total</b>			<b>10,120,181</b>		

\* Based on the letter received from the Government of Algeria on 15 April 2024.