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2002 UNEP WORK PROGRAMME AMENDMENTS

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FUND SECRETARIAT

1. UNEP is requesting approval from the Executive Committee for US \$1,771,234 as amendments to its 2002 Work Programme with agency support costs of US \$230,260.
2. The activities proposed in the UNEP 2002 Work Programme Amendments are presented in Table 1 below:

Table 1: UNEP 2002 Work Programme Amendments

Country	Activity/Project	Amount Requested US \$	Amount Recommended US \$
I. Renewal of institutional strengthening projects:			
Croatia	Renewal of institutional strengthening	87,900	87,900
Moldova	Renewal of institutional strengthening	69,334	69,334
Mongolia	Renewal of institutional strengthening	57,200	57,200
Senegal	Renewal of institutional strengthening	152,100	152,100
Subtotal for renewal of institutional strengthening projects		366,534	366,534
II. Institutional strengthening projects for new Parties:			
Cambodia	Institutional strengthening	30,000	Pending
Cape Verde	Institutional strengthening	15,000	Pending
Sierra Leone	Institutional strengthening	26,000	Pending
Somalia	Institutional strengthening	26,000	Pending
Rwanda	Institutional strengthening	22,000	Pending
Subtotal for institutional strengthening projects for new Parties		119,000	
III. Country specific support for policy and technical assistance:			
Antigua and Barbuda	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Barbados	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Botswana	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Brazil	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Burundi	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Cameroon	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Central African Republic	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Congo, DR	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Dominican Republic	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Gambia	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Ghana	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Grenada	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Guyana	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
India	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Iran	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Kenya	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Kyrgystan	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Maldives	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Mongolia	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Mozambique	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Nicaragua	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Niger	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Oman	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Panama	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
St. Vincent and Grenadines	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending

Country	Activity/Project	Amount Requested US \$	Amount Recommended US \$
Swaziland	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Tanzania	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Togo	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Trinidad and Tobago	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Uganda	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Venezuela	Policy and technical assistance	10,000	Pending
Global	Regional meeting to facilitate political commitment	100,000	Pending
Subtotal for country specific support for policy and technical assistance		410,000	
IV. Country programmes/RMPs:			
Antigua and Barbuda	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	Defer
Belize	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	Defer
Fiji	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	Withdrawn
Georgia	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	Withdrawn
Guyana	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	Defer
Honduras	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	Defer
Iran	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	26,250
Korea, DPR	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	30,000
Nicaragua	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	Defer
Panama	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	Defer
Peru	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	Defer
Sao Tome and Principe	Preparation of country programme/RMP	30,000	30,000
Seychelles	Preparation of country programme update	20,000	Defer
Subtotal for country programmes/RMPs		270,000	86,250
V. Documentation:			
Global	Translation of OzonAction Publications	93,000	93,000
Subtotal for documentation		93,000	93,000
VI. PIC strategy			
<i>(a) Institutional strengthening</i>			
Kiribati	Establishment of a National Compliance Centre	23,000	Pending
Marshall Islands	Establishment of a National Compliance Centre	34,000	Pending
Micronesia	Establishment of a National Compliance Centre	34,000	Pending
Palau	Establishment of a National Compliance Centre	34,000	Pending
Solomon Islands	Establishment of a National Compliance Centre	20,250	Pending
Tonga	Establishment of a National Compliance Centre	19,700	Pending
Tuvalu	Establishment of a National Compliance Centre	17,500	Pending
Vanuatu	Establishment of a National Compliance Centre	20,250	Pending
<i>(b) Activities at the national level</i>			
Kiribati(*)	Training programme for refrigeration technicians including MAC recovery and recycling equipment	18,000	Pending
Kiribati(*)	assistance for enforcing ODS regulations and training programme for customs officers	10,000	Pending
Marshall Islands(*)	assistance for enforcing ODS regulations and training programme for customs officers	8,000	Pending
Marshall Islands(*)	Training programme for refrigeration technicians including MAC recovery and recycling equipment	26,000	Pending
Micronesia(*)	assistance for enforcing ODS regulations and training programme for customs officers	10,000	Pending
Micronesia(*)	Training programme for refrigeration technicians including MAC recovery and recycling equipment	26,000	Pending
Palau(*)	assistance for enforcing ODS regulations and training programme for customs officers	8,000	Pending

Country	Activity/Project	Amount Requested US \$	Amount Recommended US \$
Palau(*)	Training programme for refrigeration technicians including MAC recovery and recycling equipment	30,000	Pending
Solomon Islands(*)	assistance for enforcing ODS regulations and training programme for customs officers	8,000	Pending
Solomon Islands(*)	Training programme for refrigeration technicians including MAC recovery and recycling equipment	34,000	Pending
Tonga(*)	assistance for enforcing ODS regulations and training programme for customs officers	8,000	Pending
Tonga(*)	Training programme for refrigeration technicians including MAC recovery and recycling equipment	30,000	Pending
Tuvalu(*)	Training programme for refrigeration technicians including MAC recovery and recycling equipment	18,000	Pending
Tuvalu(*)	assistance for enforcing ODS regulations and training programme for customs officers	8,000	Pending
Vanuatu(*)	assistance for enforcing ODS regulations and training programme for customs officers	8,000	Pending
Vanuatu(*)	Training programme for refrigeration technicians including MAC recovery and recycling equipment	26,000	Pending
<i>(b) Activities at the regional level</i>			
Region: ASP	Technical assistance to countries and monitoring the implementation of the strategy	120,000	Pending
Region: ASP	Technical assistance for other countries not included in the strategy	50,000	Pending
Region: ASP	Policy assistance and guidance to countries for development of regulations	90,000	Pending
Region: ASP	Three thematic meetings on issues related to the implementation of the strategy	50,000	Pending
Subtotal for regional strategy		788,700	
Sub-total:		2,047,234	
Agency support costs:		266,140	
Total:(**)		2,313,374	

(*) To be implemented by the Government of Australia as bilateral co-operation.

(**) US \$276,000 plus US \$35,880 in support costs as bilateral contribution from the Government of Australia.

I. Renewal of institutional strengthening projects

- (a) Croatia (US \$87,900)
- (b) Moldova (US \$69,334)
- (c) Mongolia (US \$57,200)
- (d) Senegal (US \$152,100)

Project descriptions

3. The descriptions of the institutional strengthening projects for the above countries are presented in Annex I to this document.

Fund Secretariat's recommendations

4. The Fund Secretariat recommends blanket approval of the above projects at the funding level shown in Table 1. The Executive Committee may also wish to express the following views to the Governments concerned:

Croatia

5. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented in the institutional strengthening project for Croatia and notes with appreciation the fact that Croatia reported its 1999 and 2000 CFC consumption to the Ozone Secretariat at a lower level than its compliance baseline. The Executive Committee also notes that Croatia has taken relevant steps to phase out its consumption of ODS, including the adoption of ODS-related legislation and the ratification of the London, Copenhagen and Montreal amendments to the Montreal Protocol, implementation of investment projects in the foam sector and a demonstration project to phase out methyl bromide as a soil fumigant, and the co-ordination of public awareness activities. These and other activities are encouraging, and the Executive Committee appreciates the efforts of Croatia in achieving the ODS phase out, and expressed the expectation that, in the next two years, Croatia will continue the implementation of the licensing system, the activities contained in the RMP project and the investment projects, and sustain and build upon its current levels of reductions in CFCs.

Moldova

6. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented in the institutional strengthening project for Moldova and notes with appreciation the fact that Moldova reported its 1999 and 2000 CFC consumption to the Ozone Secretariat at a lower level than its compliance baseline. The Executive Committee also notes that Moldova has taken relevant steps to phase out its consumption of ODS, including the commencement of implementation of the activities proposed in the RMP project, the establishment of a data collection system, a licensing system for imports/exports of ODS, and enactment of other ozone-related legislation. These and other activities are encouraging, and the Executive Committee appreciates the efforts of Moldova to reduce the consumption of CFCs, and expressed the expectation that, in the next two years, Moldova will continue the implementation of its RMP and the licensing system, and sustain and increase the levels of reductions of ODSs.

Mongolia

7. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented in the institutional strengthening project for Mongolia and expressed concern that the 2000 CFC consumption reported by Mongolia to the Ozone Secretariat is higher than its compliance baseline and that, as a consequence, Mongolia may have difficulties in complying with the Montreal Protocol measures. Despite this concern, the Executive Committee notes that Mongolia has taken relevant steps to phase out its consumption of ODS, including the establishment of a control on ODS imports and a licensing system, the commencement of the implementation of the training programme for custom officers within the RMP project proposal and the enhancement of general public knowledge on ODS-related issues through planned activities. These and other activities

are encouraging, and the Executive Committee expressed the expectation that Mongolia will fully implement all activities included in its RMP project, and will restrict imports of CFCs to the levels needed to ensure compliance with the Montreal Protocol measures.

Senegal

8. The Executive Committee has reviewed the information presented in the institutional strengthening project for Senegal and notes with appreciation the fact that Senegal reported its 1999 and 2000 CFC consumption to the Ozone Secretariat at a lower level than its compliance baseline. The Executive Committee also notes that Senegal has taken relevant steps to phase out its consumption of ODS, including the establishment of ODS-related legislation and the implementation of several projects within the RMP such as the custom training and the recovery and recycling of CFCs. These and other activities are encouraging, and the Executive Committee appreciates the efforts of Senegal to reduce the consumption of CFCs. The Executive Committee expressed the expectation that Senegal will continue the implementation of its RMP and the licensing system, and sustain and build upon its current levels of reductions in CFCs.

II. Institutional strengthening projects for new Parties

- (a) Cambodia (US \$30,000)
- (b) Cape Verde (US \$15,000)
- (c) Sierra Leone (US \$26,000)
- (d) Somalia (US \$26,000)
- (e) Rwanda (US \$22,000)

Project descriptions

9. Pursuant to Decision 35/5 (“The Executive Committee decided to request UNEP to submit CP/RMPs before requesting funding for any projects/activities contained therein, while indicating that the Executive Committee would consider requests for funding for one year of institutional strengthening for new parties to the Protocol”), UNEP is requesting approval of the institutional strengthening projects for a one-year period for Cambodia, Cape Verde, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Rwanda, which are new Parties to the Montreal Protocol. The level of funding has been estimated on the basis of already approved projects in countries within the same geographical region with comparable characteristics.

10. The Secretariat pointed out that the Executive Committee at its 35th Meeting approved the request for the preparation of the national phase-out strategies for these countries but deferred consideration of the capacity building components until the phase-out strategies presented to it. (Decision 35/32)

Fund Secretariat’s recommendations

11. The Executive Committee may wish to consider the request for the institutional strengthening projects for a one-year period for Cambodia, Cape Verde, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Rwanda, in the light of Decisions 35/5 and 35/32. If the Executive Committee decides to

approve the projects at the level of funding requested, this would not constitute the basis for determining the funding level for the remaining two-year period.

III. Country specific support for policy and technical assistance

- (a) Policy and technical assistance for the following 31 countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo DR, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, India, Iran, Kenya, Kyrgystan, Maldives, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Panama, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Venezuela (US \$310,000 at US \$10,000 per country)
- (b) Regional meeting of high-level government officers to facilitate political commitment (US \$100,000)

Project descriptions

12. UNEP is proposing to provide policy and technical assistance to 31 Article-5 countries to ensure that they develop relevant and achievable country-driven national policy plans, an import/export licensing system and other relevant policy mechanisms; and assist them in developing high-levels of political commitment (at the ministerial and senior decision-making levels) to promote integration of national compliance action plans into their national environmental plans. The activity consists of the following components:

- (a) Group consultations or country specific consultations on policy setting and enforcement where countries express such need;
- (b) Support for country-specific activities for compliance for CFC and MB phase out;
- (c) Consultations with high-level government officials to enhance political commitment;
- (d) Support for country specific consumer level awareness to facilitate policy setting;
- (e) Conduct a regional meeting of high-level Government officers to facilitate political commitment.

13. The funding will be provided through performance/target-based disbursement with initial facilitative advances. The Ozone Units will utilise the resources to encourage local policy experts, facilitators and NGOs to perform and follow-up on the activities as per target plans. The expected results include: a policy action plan (for policy setting and sustained enforcement); plans to integrate ozone policy into the national environmental policy; a political commitment at a high level; consumer awareness that will promote policy setting and enforcement; and sustained and enforceable policies in place for permanent phase out of ODS.

14. The Secretariat pointed out that the proposed activity was very comprehensive and sought clarification on the project implementation modalities at the country level as well as the roles of

the network, the policy manager, and the three regional policy enforcement officers under UNEP's Compliance Assistance Programme approved at the 35th Meeting. In this regard, UNEP informed the Secretariat that the activities proposed are envisioned to complement the existing institutional projects for these countries to allow them to have resources for local assistance to develop and review policies and legislation, implement awareness raising and the promotion of alternatives to MB. Furthermore, the proposed activities will be complimentary to the roles and responsibilities of the Network and Policy Manager and the Policy and Enforcement Officers within UNEP's CAP (the main role of the Network and Policy Manager is to ensure the co-ordination of the work of the Policy and Enforcement Officers in the regions and to ensure consistent understanding and implementation of decisions of the Executive Committee and the Meeting of the Parties. The main responsibility of the Policy and Enforcement Officers is to provide direct assistance to the countries in their specific region by developing policy and enforcement mechanisms consistent with the compliance regime). In doing so, the proposed project has been designed to provide necessary resources for the countries to undertake these tasks.

15. The Secretariat also brought to the attention of UNEP the number of projects that have been so far approved by the Executive Committee for these countries, and which address some or all of the topics in the activities proposed by UNEP. Specifically:

- (a) At its 33rd Meeting, the Executive Committee approved for UNEP, for joint implementation with the Government of Japan, regional workshops on control and monitoring of ODS consumption for the South East Asia and the Pacific region and for the South Asia region, to assist countries in establishing or improving ODS import/export licensing systems and to propose legislation and procedures for this purpose.

UNEP indicated that the proposal submitted to the 36th Meeting is for activities at a national level, and UNEP will draw upon the experiences gathered during these regional workshops.

- (b) At its 32nd Meeting, the Executive Committee approved for UNEP an activity to assist French-speaking African countries in developing, adopting and implementing harmonised sub-regional legislative and regulatory mechanisms for ODS imports, as well as customs training curricula; fostering regional co-operation amongst national regulatory and customs authorities; encouraging the adoption of local solutions; and enhancing enforcement and compliance with the control measures contained in the Montreal Protocol.

UNEP indicated that it will ensure that there is no duplication with the ongoing work under the approved project;

- (c) RMP project proposals have been approved for 22 countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Botswana, Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo DR, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Kenya, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Panama, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Swaziland, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uganda). The RMP projects for

Central African Republic, Ghana, Guyana, Mongolia and Oman were approved with a firm commitment by the Governments concerned to phase out 85 per cent of CFC consumption by 2007 without further assistance from the Fund (as required by Decision 31/48). Furthermore, the Executive Committee approved funding for the preparation of the RMP projects for Congo DR, Gambia and Togo after Decision 31/48 was taken (these projects must be submitted with the firm commitment by the Governments concerned to phase out 85 per cent of CFC consumption by 2007 without further assistance from the Multilateral Fund).

UNEP indicated that the proposed assistance is not only limited to the refrigeration sector, but it will provide comprehensive policy and technical assistance for all ODSs. The funds being requested for these projects will be to allow countries to access local assistance and expertise in order for these activities to be implemented. UNEP will ensure that activities that have already been undertaken under an RMP are not duplicated.

- (d) At its 34th Meeting, the Executive Committee approved a project for UNEP to provide assistance for the implementation of strategic planning of the Multilateral Fund to promote compliance with the Montreal Protocol in the Asia and Pacific region. The likely countries in the first tranche included Bangladesh, Iran, Malaysia, Mongolia and Sri Lanka.

UNEP indicated that at this point, this current project is being implemented only on a pilot basis in Sri Lanka. The proposed project submitted to the 36th Meeting would be for local assistance and expertise.

- (e) The Executive Committee has approved specific technical assistance activities for the following countries: (i) Brazil: technical assistance for RMP survey and preparation; (ii) Congo DR: assistance in developing the RMP project proposal; (iii) India: overall strategy for the solvent sector to support the phase out of ODS in SMEs; develop policy and customs training strategies; preparation of a national strategy to reduce and eliminate the use of CFC refrigerants in the servicing sector; technical assistance to the Ozone Cell, during the preparation of a refrigeration and air conditioning servicing sector strategy; and (iv) Venezuela: review of the ODS licensing system and Decree 3220 related to control of these substances; strategy for the preparation of an RMP.

UNEP indicated that the proposed assistance will provide comprehensive policy and technical assistance for all ODSs.

- (f) MB consumption in 25 countries is nil or below 3 ODP tonnes (Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Botswana, Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo DR, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, India, Maldives, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and Venezuela). Furthermore, MB-related activities (including total phase-out investment projects) have been approved for

seven countries (Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Iran, Kenya and Uganda).

UNEP indicated that while there is little MB consumption in these countries, assistance is proposed for them to establish policies on MB use so that such consumption will not increase in the future, which is the case for some countries. Likewise, there can be no direct correlation between ODP consumption and the policy assistance required by countries. The assistance provided to some of these countries are limited to attendance to regional workshops and project preparation; in these cases, it is important that MB policy assistance be provided to these countries in order to sustain the results of earlier projects.

- (g) The UNEP 2002 work programme amendments also included a request for additional funding for the preparation of country programme updates for Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, Iran and Nicaragua.

UNEP indicated that the country programme updates will only allow the countries to identify the remaining activities that they have to do to meet compliance within the strategic framework of the Multilateral Fund. These updates do not necessarily provide the financial assistance required for developing and designing policy and technical instruments.

- (h) No activity has been approved by the Executive Committee for Kyrgystan (i.e., no country programme is available).

UNEP indicated that the activities within this proposed project will be taken into consideration when Kyrgystan develops its country programme.

- (i) Furthermore, the Executive Committee has already approved over US \$7.2 million for institutional strengthening projects (and renewals) for these countries.

UNEP indicated that the institutional strengthening funding covers basic office and staff requirements and does not have enough resources to carry out activities related to policy and technical matters. The increased funding for institutional strengthening projects approved by the Committee at its 35th Meeting is a welcome development for the countries but would be needed for activities already identified by the countries and may not necessarily include policy and technical matters.

Fund Secretariat's recommendations

16. The Executive Committee may wish to consider the requests for country specific support for policy and technical assistance and the regional meeting of high level Government officers to facilitate political commitments in light of the above observations.

IV. Country programmes/RMPs

- (a) Assistance in the preparation of the country programme updates/RMPs for: Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Fiji, Georgia, Guyana, Honduras, Iran, DPR Korea, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Seychelles (US \$240,000 at US \$20,000 per country)
- (b) Assistance in the preparation of the country programme/RMP of Sao Tome and Principe (US \$30,000)

Project descriptions

17. UNEP is proposing to assist the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Fiji, Georgia, Guyana, Honduras, Iran, DPR Korea, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Seychelles to prepare their country programme updates according to the Executive Committee guidelines and the preparation of the country programme/RMP for a Sao Tome and Principe.

18. The Secretariat pointed out that the Executive Committee, at its 35th Meeting decided that LVC countries that have prepared RMPs will be given 50 per cent of the funding provided to develop their original RMP to do RMP updates, but will not be given funding to do country programme updates (Decision 35/57). Therefore, Iran, the only non-LVC country, could receive assistance from the Fund for the preparation of its country programme update.

19. The Secretariat further pointed out that the Executive Committee also decided that requests for RMP updates should be accompanied by a progress report from the agencies on the status of the work being undertaken and a written justification from countries for additional activities (Decision 33/13). Therefore, the Secretariat could not recommend approval for the preparation of the RMP updates for Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Fiji, Honduras, DPR Korea, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Seychelles since they have not submitted relevant documentation required under Decision 33/13.

20. Regarding the request for the RMP update for Georgia and Guyana, the Secretariat noted that the Executive Committee approved the RMP projects for these countries after adoption of Decision 31/48; and therefore, there was no need for RMP updating for these countries.

21. Based on the Secretariat's comments, UNEP agreed to request, at this meeting, funding for the preparation of the country programmes updates for Iran and DPR Korea. Concerning Iran, UNIDO will implement the investment components of the RMP and investment projects identified during the preparation of the country programme update. In the case of DPR Korea, UNEP noted that the preparation of its RMP was approved for UNEP at the 35th Meeting of the Executive Committee in order to cover the refrigeration service sector; the country programme update aims to address the phase out in the remaining sectors, taking into account that there is consumption of CFCs in the foam and solvent sectors and consumption of carbon tetrachloride and methyl chloroform in the solvent sector.

22. UNEP also indicated that the request for preparation of RMP updates will be submitted at future meetings after countries submit relevant documents such as progress reports on current

projects. Furthermore, since the RMP review of Guyana and Georgia were already submitted and approved by the Committee at its 35th Meeting, they have been withdrawn.

Fund Secretariat's recommendations

23. The Fund Secretariat recommends blanket approval of the country programme updates for Iran and DPR Korea, and the country programme/RMP for Sao Tome and Principe at the funding levels shown in Table 1.

V. Documentation

Translation of OzonAction Publications (US \$93,000)

Project description

24. UNEP is proposing to translate layout and print the following documents of the OzonAction Programme. The translation activities are envisioned only for documents that did not include a translation component when originally approved and will be implemented following the CAP approach through the regions:

- Training Manual for Customs Officers (into Arabic);
- Two Challenges, One Solution: Case Studies of Technologies that Protect the Ozone Layer and Mitigate Climate Change (into Arabic, French, and Spanish);
- Illegal Trade in Ozone Depleting Substances: is there a hole in the Montreal Protocol? (into Arabic);
- Guidebook for Implementation of Codes of Good Practices (into Arabic);
- How Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in developing countries can protect the Ozone Layer (into Arabic, French, and Spanish);
- Maintaining Military Readiness by Managing Ozone Depleting Substances (into Arabic, French, and Spanish);
- Eliminating Dependency on Halons: Self-Help Guide for Low Consuming Countries (into Arabic, French, and Spanish).

25. UNEP informed the Secretariat that translation costs are not included in the CAP budget. For most publications completed with funding under the Multilateral Fund, translations are almost often included in the budget (the documents proposed for translation did not include a translation component during the initial approval). These documents were selected on the basis of requests from Article 5 countries which are useful for them in this compliance period, gathered during discussions in network meetings and other meetings with Ozone Units. Translation costs were calculated on the basis of actual costs incurred for earlier documents completed, which includes translation costs, costs for layout (or adaptation of existing layout as the case may be) and printing.

Fund Secretariat's recommendation

26. The Fund Secretariat recommends blanket approval of the project with associated support costs at the funding level shown in Table 1.

VI. Regional Strategy to Comply with the Montreal Protocol in Pacific Island Countries (PIC Strategy)

Background

27. The Governments of Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of Micronesia), Palau, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu submitted a Regional Strategy to comply with the Montreal Protocol (PIC Strategy) for the consideration of the Executive Committee at its 36th Meeting.

28. The PIC Strategy was developed jointly by the Governments of Australia and New Zealand and UNEP.

An overview of the ODS consumption in countries under the PIC strategy

29. The PIC strategy has been developed on the basis of national compliance action plans prepared by each of the eight island countries, and summarised in Annex II to this document (the final version of the action plan for Micronesia is still under review).

30. The South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)¹ provided technical assistance to the eight Governments concerned for the development of their national action plans and assisted in the development of the regional strategy, with financial assistance from the Multilateral Fund and the Government of New Zealand (outside the Fund). An overview of ODS-related issues on a country-by-country basis is summarised in Annex II.

31. The main features related to the protection of the ozone layer and ODS consumption by these countries can be summarised as follows:

- (a) The use of ODSs is limited to CFCs, HCFCs and methyl bromide (MB). CFCs and HCFCs are used for servicing refrigeration equipment. MB, is only used in a few island countries for quarantine and pre-shipment applications.
- (b) There are no refrigeration manufacturing facilities or installation of new CFC-based refrigeration equipment in any of the island countries.
- (c) CFCs are mainly used for servicing MAC units (70 to 90 per cent of the total consumption), and domestic refrigerators and small commercial refrigeration equipment (10 to 30 per cent of the total consumption).
- (d) A major risk for the phase out of ODSs in the region is the importation of second-hand vehicles (with a CFC-12 MAC unit) and some CFC-based refrigeration equipment. This situation has increased the illegal import of ODSs (mainly CFC-12).

¹ UNEP played a major role in the establishment of SPREP as part of its Regional Seas Programme. SPREP's mission is to: promote co-operation in the Pacific islands region; provide assistance in order to protect and improve the environment, and ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

- (e) The most relevant environmental issue which is of concern to PICs, is climate change and its direct consequences on sea level rise. The protection of the ozone layer is not a priority for these countries. In spite of this, PICs have expressed their solidarity and the commitment to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol through a Declaration issued at the XIII Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (Colombo, October 2001). Through this Declaration, the Governments expressed their intention to continue working together in the context of a regional strategy in order that all countries shall:
- (i) ratify the Montreal Protocol and its amendments;
 - (ii) adopt ODS import/ export controls and establish licensing systems and appropriate legislation;
 - (iii) take necessary measures to reduce and/or eliminate the consumption of ODSs;
 - (iv) report on ODS consumption in accordance to Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol; and
 - (v) commit to an accelerated phase out of CFCs, preferably by 2005.
- (f) The status of ratification of the Montreal Protocol and its amendments by the eight island countries are as follows:
- (i) Kiribati and Tonga have ratified the Montreal Protocol;
 - (ii) Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu have ratified the London and Copenhagen amendments to the Montreal Protocol;
 - (iii) Micronesia and Palau have ratified all the amendments to the Montreal Protocol.

Commitment by the Governments of the island countries

32. Through the PIC Strategy, the Governments of the eight island countries are requesting technical assistance to achieve the complete phase out of their ODS consumption by the end of 2005. Official letters from each Governments endorsing the implementation of the ODS phase-out strategy were attached to the proposal.

33. The total cost of the PIC Strategy was estimated at US \$906,070, including the establishment of eight National Compliance Centres and projects to be implemented at the local and regional levels.

National Compliance Centres (US \$162,700 for eight countries)

34. The strategy proposes the establishment of National Compliance Centres in each island country (institutional strengthening project) to, develop and implement regulations to control

consumption of CFCs and CFC-based equipment; allocate import licences and national regulations where required; hold meetings of national ozone committees to ensure the phase out of ODS according to the proposed schedule; implement awareness raising activities; co-ordinate the training programmes for refrigeration technicians and customs officers; report data on consumption to the Ozone and Multilateral Fund Secretariats as required; and maintain close co-operation and communications with main stakeholders.

35. The level of funding requested is to cover the salary of a professional staff for a three-year period (calculated at 70 per cent of a full time position for the first year and 20 per cent for the for the following two years), office equipment and communication costs.

Proposed ODS phase-out activities

36. The PIC strategy proposes the following activities to be implemented at both the country level and the regional level.

At the country level:

- (a) Training programme for refrigeration technicians (US \$20,000/country). The objective of this project is to ensure that service technicians acquired skills to reduce or eliminate the use of CFC refrigerants by reducing leakage through better maintenance, retrofitting existing equipment to utilise low or non-ozone depleting refrigerants, and the use of recovery and recycling equipment, especially for MAC units;
- (b) Training programme for customs officers (US \$4,000/country). The project is to provide customs, trade and standards officers with the ability to monitor and control imports of CFCs, other ODSs and CFC-based equipment, and prevent illegal trade of CFCs and CFC-based equipment;
- (c) Refrigerant recovery and recycling equipment (US \$50,000 for all countries). The project is to establish a fund for offering recovery and recycling equipment at a reduced price to technicians who wish to have such equipment..

At the regional level:

- (d) Development of model regulations, technical assistance for customs officers and assistance to implement the strategies at the national level (US \$180,000). This project is to prepare regulations based on models from countries in the region which have already enacted such regulations (Australia, Fiji and New Zealand). Each model will be customised for each of the country's needs, taking into account the institutional framework, existing organisations and policy mechanism in place (such as legislation and/or economic incentives);
- (e) Regional workshop for national compliance officers and Attorney General/justice ministries/ministers and or senior legal staff (US \$20,000). Once the model regulations are available a workshop is proposed to get initial commitment to

enforce the regulations and put into effect a common regional policy and legislation;

- (f) Development and printing of Pacific-focused public awareness materials, including translation of existing UNEP materials (US \$15,000);
- (g) Three thematic meetings (US \$45,000). The thematic meetings (one per year) are for discussion of issues related to the implementation of the phase-out strategies, including compliance, regulations and policy enforcement; good practices in refrigeration and certification; public awareness; and monitoring. The meetings will be open to all Article 5 PICs (including Fiji, Samoa and Papua New Guinea which are not covered under the PIC strategy), and non-Article 5 countries (Australia, New Zealand).
- (h) Supervision and monitoring by SPREP including travel costs (US \$135,000).

Implementation modalities

37. The Regional Strategy will be implemented through a system of: policy-based actions by the individual Governments; a locally-managed action plan to phase down ODS imports and implement specific ODS phase-out activities; performance based contracts with SPREP to carry out specified tasks (i.e., contracts with governments to implement their action plans, provision of training for refrigeration technician and customs officers); monitoring through a system of performance based indicators; and measures to ensure compliance with the objectives of the PIC Strategy.

38. The PIC Strategy will be managed locally with UNEP providing overall co-ordination; SPREP jointly with the National Compliance Centres will develop and implement a series of compliance activities. UNEP will provide oversight for the Regional Strategy through executing an overall performance-based contract with SPREP. The legal agreement/action programmes will give SPREP the overall co-ordination and management role at a regional level, and describe the responsibilities and operational role of SPREP (and other local entities, including bilateral donors, as may be required) to implement the Regional Strategy.

39. The total funding approved for the PIC Strategy will be disbursed to SPREP. The PICs and SPREP will then agree on individual action programmes for disbursing these funds in each country. Each country will be accountable directly to SPREP for their national expenditure. In turn SPREP will be accountable to UNEP for the overall costs of assistance to the National Compliance Centres. Each contract with the Governments concerned will include the performance indicators in the table below. Taking into consideration that most of the costs for the PICs will be incurred in the first 12–18 months of the project, funds will be disbursed to the concerned Governments in three instalments (60 per cent, 30 per cent and 10 per cent). Payments of the second and third instalment will be made upon achievement of the performance indicators.

Instalment	Date	Fund disbursement	Performance indicator
First	2 nd quarter 2002	60%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon signing of contract with SPREP
Second	4 th quarter 2003	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of national regulations to stage of submission to Cabinet (or equivalent body). • Conducting one or both of refrigeration technicians training and customs officers training. • Submission of relevant data to the Multilateral Fund and Ozone Secretariats. • Submission of financial reports to SPREP on expenditure of first instalment
Third	4 th quarter 2004/1 st quarter 2005	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of national regulations • Conducting both refrigeration technicians training and customs officers training. • Submission of relevant data to the Multilateral Fund and Ozone Secretariats. • Submission of financial reports to SPREP on expenditure of first instalment

40. ODS consumption will be monitored through ODS data provided by the Governments involved which will then be collated by SPREP (data collection will be the responsibility of the National Compliance Centres; SPREP will be responsible for ensuring data is submitted to the Multilateral Fund and Ozone Secretariats by due dates).

41. SPREP will be responsible for submission of annual reports on progress of implementation of the PIC Strategy (prepared by SPREP) and progress reports prepared by each country.

42. UNEP will monitor overall implementation of the Regional Strategy, primarily through performance indicators in annual progress reports to be submitted by SPREP and the eight participating countries.

Secretariat's comments

ODS consumption

43. The Secretariat noted that the level of CFC consumption reported by the eight countries in the PIC Strategy was consistent throughout the reporting period (1995-1999), except for Solomon Islands where its CFC consumption increased from 0.8 ODP tonnes in 1998 to 6.2 ODP tonnes in 1999, and for Tonga where the average consumption for the period 1995-1998 was about 2 ODP tonnes and the 1999 consumption was only 0.4 ODP tonnes. Regarding Solomon Islands, UNEP informed the Secretariat that the increase in the consumption was related to an import made by a CFC distributor in the country, with the intention to re-sell it to other PICs. However, the trade with other countries did not occur. UNEP also noted that there is no evidence for stockpiling on this scale in other countries in the region. Regarding Tonga, the decrease in CFC consumption appears to reflect the difficulties of importing CFCs from Fiji.

44. The PIC strategy reported that Cook Islands and Niue (two island countries not included in the PIC strategy) phased out completely their CFC consumption shortly after New Zealand phased out its consumption. Bearing in mind that the current CFC consumption in the eight countries under the PIC strategy is similar to/or lower than the consumption in Cook Islands, the Secretariat sought more information on issues related to the phase out in this country. The Secretariat was informed that the situation with Niue and the Cook Islands is unique in the region. Citizens of the two countries are accorded New Zealand citizenship and are able to travel freely to and from New Zealand (most residents receive their education above primary level in New Zealand). At least two of the technicians in the Cook Islands and the only technician in Niue received their trade training in New Zealand and had the skills to manage the unplanned phase out.

45. Upon a request by the Secretariat on the current prices of CFC-12 and non-CFC refrigerants and the availability of CFC replacement refrigerants in PICs, UNEP reported that the only information available on CFCs prices was from Palau and the Marshall Islands (collected by UNEP's consultant during a mission in August 2001). For CFC-12, the prices ranged between US \$14.7/kg to US \$18.2/kg; for HCFC-22, between US \$11.0/kg and US \$12.0/kg; and for HFC-134a, between US \$14.7/kg and US \$16.2/kg. The Secretariat was also informed that HCFC-22 is widely available and HFC-134a is also available for servicing new refrigeration equipment. However, other mixtures, including service blends, are rare or unknown in most countries.

Phase-out strategy proposed and its cost

46. The Secretariat sought further clarification from the Governments of Australia and New Zealand and UNEP on how the activities proposed in the strategy (described in the above section) will lead to a complete phase out of all ODSs consumed by the eight countries participating in the strategy. In this regard, the Secretariat was informed that "a great deal of thought and consultation went into developing the strategy. The model of regional support proposed for implementing the Montreal Protocol is already being successfully used to implement the Climate Change Convention and the Basel Convention on Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes in the region. It is clear from the lack of progress in implementing the Montreal Protocol in the region, until SPREP's involvement in 2001, that the countries do not have the capacity to carry out implementation on their own, nor the ozone issue is priority for them. Past experience has shown that clear regional guidance, oversight and rigorous follow-up will be the key to successful implementation of environmental initiatives in the Pacific island countries".

47. The Secretariat was also informed that the total budget of US \$906,070 (as requested in the original PIC Strategy) represented the minimum amount required for a successful implementation of the strategy. UNEP further noted that its Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP), approved by the Executive Committee at its 35th Meeting, has no provision for additional staff at its regional office for South East Asia and the Pacific (SEAP) for 2002. None of the eight countries participating in the PIC Strategy are members of the SEAP Network of ODS Officers; therefore, neither UNEP's CAP staff nor the SEAP Network could provide direct assistance to these countries. However, the SEAP co-ordinator will offer policy guidance to

SPREP. In this regard, the thematic meetings are important in facilitating networking amongst the countries and their development partners. It was also noted that even if CAP staff were available in the SEAP Office, travel between Bangkok and PICs is very expensive; it would be more effective to utilise regional expertise to train customs officers and refrigeration technicians, and provide policy advice to countries on an ongoing basis.

The role of SPREP

48. The Secretariat requested additional information on the objectives and scope for the request for US \$90,000 for SPREP activities not included elsewhere. From the activities already included in the strategy (both at the country level and at the regional level), the justification of this activity was questionable. UNEP informed the Secretariat that the activity is related to the supervision and implementation by SPREP of activities proposed in the PIC Strategy. In this regard, SPREP will:

- (a) Supervise the establishment of National Compliance Centres in eight countries, including development and implementation of contracts with each Government;
- (b) Disburse funds to the Governments covered under the strategy and in line with milestones set out;
- (c) Supervise development of model regulations and provide technical assistance for their adaptation and implementation at the national level;
- (d) Co-ordinate training activities for refrigeration technicians and custom officers;
- (e) Organise the thematic workshops on the margins of other meetings to be held at SPREP and facilitate communications between the countries;
- (f) Provide policy assistance, co-ordinate regional awareness activities, supervise translation of relevant documents into Pacific languages and distribute ODS-related information to the countries.

49. It was also pointed out that SPREP has the experience and the institutional set-up to ensure the successful delivery of the various components included in the strategy.

A proposal for the calculation of the cost for the PIC Strategy

50. The island countries in the Pacific region have characteristics which are unique to any other Article 5 country:

- (a) They are geographically isolated from world trade routes and are far apart;
- (b) They have very small populations and low levels of ODS consumption (together they all consume a total of 9.4 ODP tonnes);

- (c) CFCs are mainly used for servicing MAC units (70 to 90 per cent of the total consumption) and domestic refrigerators and small commercial/industrial refrigeration equipment (10 to 30 per cent);
- (d) ODSs consumption in Australia, Japan and New Zealand, their major trade partners, have been completely phased out for a number of years. A complete ODS phase out has also been achieved in the Cook Islands and Niue;
- (e) The Governments of the eight PICs have expressed their firm commitment to phase out the entire consumption of ODS by the end of 2005.

51. Notwithstanding the uniqueness of the PICs, the Secretariat noted that the methodology used to cost the PIC Strategy followed the RMP model (i.e., training programmes for refrigeration technicians and customs officers, provision for recovery and recycling units, workshops, technical assistance for the development of regulations and development of legislation).

52. Based on the above observations, the Secretariat proposed to (and discussed with) the Government of New Zealand and UNEP the possibility of using the following approach for calculating the cost for the PIC Strategy:

At the national level:

- (a) Taking into account that CFCs are mainly used for servicing MAC units (70 to 90% of the total CFC consumption), it would be more effective to cost the training programme (US \$160,000) and the subsidy fund for recovery and recycling machines (US \$50,000) on the basis of procurement of 32 MAC recovery/recycling machines (i.e., 2 or 3 units for each of the smallest CFC consuming islands and 5 or 6 units for each of the largest CFC consuming countries, at US \$4,000/unit including ancillary equipment and transportation costs). An additional US \$10,000/country could be included for training-related costs in good refrigeration practices and the use of MAC recovery/recycling machines;
- (b) A technical assistance programme for enforcing ODS regulations at the national level, including the development and implementation of a licensing system, and resources for some ODS identification kits, and local training for customs officers and Government officials;
- (c) Establishment of the National Compliance Centres (institutional strengthening component) be level of funding proposed in the strategy (US \$162,700). Additional, US \$5,000/per country is proposed to conduct public awareness programmes, information dissemination activities, monitoring the activities in the strategy and reporting to the Multilateral Fund and Ozone Secretariats according to relevant decisions by the Parties and the Executive Committee.

At the regional level:

- (d) A technical assistance programme for the development of model legislation based on ODS-related laws and regulations already in place in the region (particularly Australia, Fiji and New Zealand) and those that have been gathered by UNEP under its clearinghouse activity, and their adaptation at the national level. Provisos for implementation of training activities at the national and/or regional levels are included;
- (e) Three regional thematic meetings on issues related to the implementation of the PIC strategy (similar to the activity proposed in the original strategy);
- (f) A proviso for co-ordination, technical assistance and monitoring by SPREP, (as described in the above section on “implementation modalities”).
- (g) A technical assistance programme for the participation of other countries which were not part of the PIC Strategy in regional activities (i.e., training programmes, distribution of ODS related legislation and relevant documentation).

53. The total revised budget for implementation of the PIC strategy as agreed by the Governments of Australia and New Zealand and UNEP, is US \$788,700, provided that the PIC Governments will achieve a complete phase out of ODSs by 2005 and will have flexibility in the use of the funds. The distribution of the funding level, including agency support costs, is as follows:

- (a) Establishment of National Compliance Centres, for a three-year period, to be implemented by UNEP:

Kiribati	US \$25,990
Marshall Islands	US \$38,420
Micronesia	US \$38,420
Palau	US \$38,420
Solomon Islands	US \$22,883
Tonga	US \$22,261
Tuvalu	US \$19,775
Vanuatu	US \$22,883
- (b) Training of refrigeration technicians and proviso for MAC recovery and recycling units, and assistance for enforcement of legislation and training of customs officers) to be implemented by the Government of Australia, as bilateral co-operation:

Country	Training of refrigeration technicians (US\$)	ODS regulations, training of customs officers (US\$)
Kiribati	20,340	11,300
Marshall Islands	29,380	9,040
Micronesia	29,380	11,300
Palau	33,900	9,040
Solomon Islands	38,420	9,040
Tonga	33,900	9,040
Tuvalu	20,340	9,040
Vanuatu	29,380	9,040

(c) Regional-level activities, to be implemented by UNEP:

Technical assistance for the development of model ODS regulations and adaptation at the national level	US \$101,700
Three regional thematic meetings on issues related to the implementation of the strategy	US \$56,500
Co-ordination, technical assistance and monitoring by SPREP	US \$135,600
Technical assistance for other countries in the sub-region not included under the PIC strategy	US \$56,500

Secretariat's recommendations

54. Based on the above comments, the Executive Committee may wish to consider the Regional Strategy to comply with the Montreal Protocol (PIC Strategy) jointly submitted by the Governments of Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, at the level of funding indicated above, on the understanding that the Governments of these countries will achieve a complete phase out of ODSs by 2005 and will have flexibility on the use of the funding approved.

55. If the Executive Committee approves the PIC Strategy, it may wish to request the Governments of Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu to present annually information to the Executive Committee on progress being made in the implementation of the national compliance strategies, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee on implementation of country programmes (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/10/40, para. 135). Using the approved format, the initial report, covering the period 1 April 2002 to 31 December 2002, should be submitted to the Fund Secretariat no later than 1 May 2003.

Annex I

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROJECT PROPOSALS

Croatia: Renewal of institutional strengthening

Summary of the Project and Country Profile	
Implementing Agency:	UNEP
Amount originally approved:	
Phase I: October 1996 (US\$)	101,200
Phase II: November 1999 (US\$)	67,000
Amount requested for renewal (US \$):	87,900
Date of approval of country programme	October 1996
ODS consumption reported in country programme (1995), (ODP tonnes)	239.5
Latest reported ODS consumption (2000) (ODP tonnes)*	497.0
Baseline (1995-1997) (ODP tonnes of CFCs)(**)	219.3
Amount approved (US \$)	1,890,249
Amount disbursed (as at December 2000) (US \$):	868,893
ODS to be phased out (ODP tonnes)	66.8
ODS phased out (as at December 2000) (ODP tonnes)	35.6

(*) Including 312 ODP tonnes of CTC and 10.7 ODP tonnes of MB

(**) The 2000 CFC consumption was reported at 171.2 ODP tonnes.

1. The following activities have been approved and funded by the Executive Committee:

		<u>US \$</u>
(a)	Country programme preparation	40,000
(b)	Project preparation	103,485
(c)	Training	108,250
(d)	Technical assistance	289,910
(e)	Demonstration	288,200
(f)	Investment projects	674,709
	Total:	1,504,554

Progress report

2. The main achievements mentioned in the progress report include: adoption of ODS-related legislation and the ratification of the London, Copenhagen and Montreal amendments to the Montreal Protocol; implementation of investment projects in the foam sector and the demonstration project to phase out MB as a soil fumigant, and public awareness activities. Implementation of these activities led to a CFC reduction in 2000 of 50 tonnes from the CFC baseline for compliance. Based on the experience acquired, Croatia considers important the establishment of: (a) a regional network for countries with economies in transition and Article 5 countries located in Europe; (b) a regional halon management bank; and (c) stronger import restriction of virgin CFC in order to make CFC recovery and recycling attractive.

3. The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning is responsible for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol in Croatia. The National Ozone Unit is under the Department for the Atmosphere Protection, Waste Management and Soil Protection, of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning.

Plan of action

4. The plan of action for the next period includes: updating the country programme/RMP; revising the by-law on ODSs; reducing illegal trade of CFCs through implementation of a data collection and licensing system, and customs training programmes; raising environmental awareness among the public (through the media and school system); continuing the implementation and monitoring of the activities within the RMP project, including operation of CFC recovery and recycling centres; implementation of a halon strategy; and data reporting to the Multilateral Fund and Ozone Secretariats.

Moldova: Renewal of institutional strengthening

Summary of the Project and Country Profile		
Implementing Agency:		UNEP
Amount originally approved:	Phase I: July 1998 (US\$)	80,000
Amount requested for renewal (US \$):		69,334
Date of approval of country programme		July 1998
ODS consumption reported in country programme (1996), (ODP tonnes)		51.5
Latest reported ODS consumption (2001) (ODP tonnes)		16.4
Baseline (1995-1997) (ODP tonnes of CFCs)		73.3
Amount approved (US \$)		587,371
Amount disbursed (as at December 2000) (US \$):		361,316
ODS to be phased out (ODP tonnes)		21.9
ODS phased out (as at December 2000) (ODP tonnes)		0

5. The following activities have been approved and funded by the Executive Committee:

		<u>US \$</u>
(a)	Country programme preparation	0
(b)	Project preparation	0
(c)	Training	132,550
(d)	Technical assistance	314,150
(e)	Demonstration	
(f)	Investment projects	
	Total:	446,700

Progress report

6. The main achievements mentioned in the progress report include: the establishment of a data collection system, a licensing system for imports/exports of ODS and other ozone-related legislation; commencement of the implementation of the RMP projects, including the first phase of the proposed training programmes for refrigeration service technicians and the second phase

will be held during the next period or coming year. Moldova complied with the freeze of CFC in 1999 and reduced consumption below the baseline. Implementation of these activities led to a CFC reduction in 2000 of 41.6 tonnes from the CFC baseline for compliance. The ratification of the Montreal Amendment to the Montreal Protocol is expected in 2003.

7. Moldova considers important to strengthen its co-operation with Customs Department of its neighbouring countries, to implement the Revised Customs Harmonised Code; to continue the implementation of awareness and education programmes and to establish economic measures to encourage the retrofit of commercial and industrial refrigeration equipment.

8. The Ozone Unit is structured within the Ministry of Environment responsible for implementing the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol. The Co-ordinator is a member of the Commission, issues ODS licenses, and participates in the establishment of annual quotas on import of refrigerants. All the activities of the unit are under the supervision of the Steering Committee; which includes members from the Ministry of Environment, the Department of Standards and Metrology, the Republican Refrigeration Association, NGOs and UNDP.

Plan of action

9. The plan of action for the next period includes: continuing the implementation of the training programmes in good service practices in refrigeration; enforcing and evaluating ODS legislation; improving the monitoring system related to the RMP and methyl bromide projects; encouraging local industry to retrofit refrigeration equipment to non-CFC based refrigerants; and continuing information dissemination activities and public awareness campaigns; and data reporting to the Multilateral Fund and Ozone Secretariats.

Mongolia: Renewal of institutional strengthening

Summary of the Project and Country Profile		
Implementing Agency:		UNEP
Amount originally approved:	Phase I: July 1999 (US\$)	66,000
Amount requested for renewal (US \$):		57,200
Date of approval of country programme		July 1999
ODS consumption reported in country programme (1998), (ODP tonnes)		21.0
Latest reported ODS consumption (2000) (ODP tonnes)		13.9
Baseline (1995-1997) (ODP tonnes of CFCs)		10.6
Amount approved (US \$)		443,830
Amount disbursed (as at December 2000) (US \$):		82,647
ODS to be phased out (ODP tonnes)		5.6
ODS phased out (as at December 2000) (ODP tonnes)		0

10. The following activities have been approved and funded by the Executive Committee:

		<u>US \$</u>
(a)	Country programme preparation	50,000
(b)	Project preparation	25,000
(c)	Training	143,170
(d)	Technical assistance	108,600
(e)	Demonstration	
(f)	Investment projects	
	Total:	326,770

Progress report

11. The main achievements mentioned in the progress report include: monitoring the implementation of the country programme including ODS data collection; ratification of the Montreal Amendment of to the Montreal Protocol; establishing a licensing system to control import of ODSs; developing the National Action Programme on Ozone Layer Protection; implementation of the train of trainers programme for Customs Officers; encouraging the reduction in ODS usage by major companies; data reporting to the Multilateral Fund and Ozone Secretariats; and organising public awareness projects. The main lessons learnt were that consumers and ODS importers need to be familiarised with the licensing system.

12. The Ozone Unit reports to the Ministry of Nature and Environment. Its main role is to discourage the use, import and exports of ODS through activities such as implementing the licensing system, public awareness and information activities targeting various groups such as private companies, the General Customs Department, and the University of Science and Technology. In the coming phase, a National Committee in ozone layer protection will be created.

Plan of action

13. The plan of action for the next period includes: implementing the National Action Programme; continuing the co-ordination of train the trainers project in the refrigeration servicing sector; introducing procedures to reduce CFC consumption by reducing emissions into the atmosphere, illegal trade and smuggling; continuing training of customs officers, implementing the recovery and recycling project; establishing a scientific training centre of good practices in refrigeration; proposing additional legislation for the implementation of the licensing system, certification of trained refrigeration technicians, and tax incentives to users of non-CFC based equipment; strengthening public awareness, and data reporting to the Multilateral Fund and Ozone Secretariats.

Senegal: Renewal of institutional strengthening

Summary of the Project and Country Profile	
Implementing Agency:	UNEP
Amount originally approved:	
Phase I: November 1993 (US\$)	175,000
Phase II: November 1997 (US\$)	117,000
Phase III: November 1999 (US\$)	117,000
Amount requested for renewal (US \$):	152,100
Date of approval of country programme	November 1993
ODS consumption reported in country programme (1991), (ODP tonnes)	101.5
Latest reported ODS consumption (2000) (ODP tonnes)	119.1
Baseline (1995-1997) (ODP tonnes of CFCs)	115.8
Amount approved (US \$)	1,153,051
Amount disbursed (as at December 2000) (US \$):	790,643
ODS to be phased out (ODP tonnes)	41.8
ODS phased out (as at December 2000) (ODP tonnes)	36.1

14. The following activities have been approved and funded by the Executive Committee:

	<u>US \$</u>
(a) Country programme preparation	13,000
(b) Project preparation	84,217
(c) Training	100,500
(d) Technical assistance	361,980
(e) Demonstration	0
(f) Investment projects	62,945
Total:	622,642

Progress report

15. The main achievements mentioned in the progress report include: approval of ODS legislation; implementation of training programmes for customs officers; preparing a plan of action for the ODS control system; implementing a refrigeration recovery and recycling programme; carrying on public awareness activities through newspaper and radio; and organising celebrations for the Ozone Day. The Beijing Amendment to the Montreal Protocol is expected to be ratified in 2002.

16. The National Ozone Unit is part of the Environment Division that reports to the Ministry of Youth, Environment, and Public Hygiene. It works with the National Ozone Committee, which is in charge of drafting legislation and project preparation for the ministry's approval. The National Ozone Committee is composed of several ministries, associations, and institutions.

Plan of action

17. The plan of action for the next period includes: continuing the implementation of the activities in the RMP including the recovery and recycling programme and training of refrigeration technicians; enforcing ODS legislation; furthering the study of its current ODS control system; following up methyl bromide awareness programme and the project on the use of hydrocarbon as a refrigerant; informing the public through a communication campaign and organising celebrations of the Ozone Day; and data reporting to the Multilateral Fund and Ozone Secretariats.

Annex II

NATIONAL COMPLIANCE STRATEGY FOR KIRIBATI

National Compliance Centre, Ministry of Environment and Social Development

Status of ratification of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
Vienna Convention (1985)		07-Jan-93	07-Apr-93
Montreal Protocol (1987)		07-Jan-93	07-Apr-93
London Amendment (1990)			
Copenhagen Amendment (1992)			

Production of controlled substances: No controlled substances produced

Consumption of controlled substances (1999) 0.2 metric tonnes
0.2 weighted tonnes (ODP)

(tonnes)	CFC-11	CFC-12	CFC-113	CFC-114	CFC-115	TOTAL	Halon1211	Halon1301	TOTAL	CTC	MCF	TOTAL	Me-Br
ODS		0.2				0.2							
ODP		0.2				0.2							

Distribution of ODP by substance: CFC 100.0% Halon CTC and MCF MB

Distribution of ODP by sector: Aerosol Foam Halon Refrigeration Solvent Other MB

Consumption (ODP tonnes): 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.2 0.0 0.0 0.0

Percent of total: 100.0%

MONTREAL PROTOCOL (ODP tonnes) CFCs Halons Methyl bromide

Baseline consumption 0.3

Allowable level of consumption in 2005 0.1

Source: Regional Strategy for PIC

Country Programme

Duration of country programme: 4 years (2002-2005)

ODS phase out target: Complete phase out by 2005

Phase out priority area: Refrigeration servicing sector

Cost of activities in country programme: \$51,000

Strategy:

The Government is committed to a complete phase out of ODS by 2005 through the establishment of a national compliance centre (institutional strengthening) to co-ordinate, implement and monitor the phase out programme; development and enforcement of ODS legislation, including a licensing system, banning imports of CFCs and CFCs-based refrigeration equipment, and fiscal incentives favouring non-ODS alternatives; implementation of training programmes for refrigeration servicing technicians and customs officers; and implementation of public awareness campaigns and information dissemination. This strategy is to be implemented as part of the Regional Strategy for Pacific Island Countries.

NATIONAL COMPLIANCE STRATEGY FOR MARSHALL ISLANDS

*National Compliance Centre, Environmental Protection Authority****Status of ratification of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol***

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
Vienna Convention (1985)		11-Mar-93	09-Jun-93
Montreal Protocol (1987)		11-Mar-93	09-Jun-93
London Amendment (1990)		11-Mar-93	09-Jun-93
Copenhagen Amendment (1992)		24-May-93	22-Aug-93

Production of controlled substances: No controlled substances produced***Consumption of controlled substances (1999)*** 1.1 metric tonnes
1.1 weighted tonnes (ODP)

(tonnes)	CFC-11	CFC-12	CFC-113	CFC-114	CFC-115	TOTAL Halon1211	Halon1301	TOTAL	CTC	MCF	TOTAL	Me-Br
ODS		0.9			0.2			1.1				
ODP		0.9			0.1			1.0				

Distribution of ODP by substance: CFC 92.7% Halon CTC and MCF MB

<i>Distribution of ODP by sector:</i>	Aerosol	Foam	Halon	Refrigeration	Solvent	Other	MB
Consumption (ODP tonnes):	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Percent of total:				100.0%			

MONTREAL PROTOCOL (ODP tonnes)	CFCs	Halons	Methyl bromide
Baseline consumption	1.1		
Allowable level of consumption in 2005	0.6		

Source: Regional Strategy for PIC

Country Programme

Duration of country programme: 4 years (2002-2005)

ODS phase out target: Complete phase out by 2005

Phase out priority area: Refrigeration servicing sector

Cost of activities in country programme: \$68,000

Strategy:

The Government is committed to a complete phase out of ODS by 2005 through the establishment of a national compliance centre (institutional strengthening) to co-ordinate, implement and monitor the phase out programme; development and enforcement of ODS legislation, including a licensing system, banning imports of CFCs and CFCs-based refrigeration equipment, and fiscal incentives favouring non-ODS alternatives; implementation of training programmes for refrigeration servicing technicians and customs officers; and implementation of public awareness campaigns and information dissemination. This strategy is to be implemented as part of the Regional Strategy for Pacific Island Countries.

NATIONAL COMPLIANCE STRATEGY FOR MICRONESIA

National Compliance Centre, Department of Economic Affairs

Status of ratification of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
Vienna Convention (1985)		03-Aug-94	01-Nov-94
Montreal Protocol (1987)		06-Sep-95	05-Dec-95
London Amendment (1990)			
Copenhagen Amendment (1992)			

Production of controlled substances: No controlled substances produced

Consumption of controlled substances (1999) 1.2 metric tonnes
1.2 weighted tonnes (ODP)

(tonnes)	CFC-11	CFC-12	CFC-113	CFC-114	CFC-115	TOTAL Halon1211	Halon1301	TOTAL	CTC	MCF	TOTAL	Me-Br
ODS		1.2				1.2						
ODP		1.2				1.2						

Distribution of ODP by substance: CFC 100.0% Halon CTC and MCF MB

Distribution of ODP by sector: Aerosol Foam Halon Refrigeration Solvent Other MB

Consumption (ODP tonnes): 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.2 0.0 0.0 0.0

Percent of total: 100.0%

MONTREAL PROTOCOL (ODP tonnes) CFCs Halons Methyl bromide

Baseline consumption 1.2

Allowable level of consumption in 2005 0.6

Source: Regional Strategy for PIC

Country Programme

Duration of country programme: 4 years (2002-2005)

ODS phase out target: Complete phase out by 2005

Phase out priority area: Refrigeration servicing sector

Cost of activities in country programme: \$70,000

Strategy:

The Government is committed to a complete phase out of ODS by 2005 through the establishment of a national compliance centre (institutional strengthening) to co-ordinate, implement and monitor the phase out programme; development and enforcement of ODS legislation, including a licensing system, banning imports of CFCs and CFCs-based refrigeration equipment, and fiscal incentives favouring non-ODS alternatives; implementation of training programmes for refrigeration servicing technicians and customs officers; and implementation of public awareness campaigns and information dissemination. This strategy is to be implemented as part of the Regional Strategy for Pacific Island Countries.

NATIONAL COMPLIANCE STRATEGY FOR PALAU

National Compliance Centre, Office of Environmental Response and Co-ordination

Status of ratification of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
Vienna Convention (1985)		29-May-01	27-Aug-01
Montreal Protocol (1987)		29-May-01	27-Aug-01
London Amendment (1990)		25-May-01	23-Aug-01
Copenhagen Amendment (1992)		29-May-01	27-Aug-01

Production of controlled substances: No controlled substances produced

Consumption of controlled substances (1999) 0.4 metric tonnes
0.4 weighted tonnes (ODP)

(tonnes)	CFC-11	CFC-12	CFC-113	CFC-114	CFC-115	TOTAL Halon1211	Halon1301	TOTAL	CTC	MCF	TOTAL	Me-Br
ODS		0.3			0.1	0.4						
ODP		0.3			0.1	0.4						

Distribution of ODP by substance: CFC 90.0% Halon CTC and MCF MB

Distribution of ODP by sector: Aerosol Foam Halon Refrigeration Solvent Other MB

Consumption (ODP tonnes): 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.4 0.0 0.0 0.0

Percent of total: 100.0%

MONTREAL PROTOCOL (ODP tonnes) CFCs Halons Methyl bromide

Baseline consumption 1.6

Allowable level of consumption in 2005 0.8

Source: Regional Strategy for PIC

Country Programme

Duration of country programme: 4 years (2002-2005)

ODS phase out target: Complete phase out by 2005

Phase out priority area: Refrigeration servicing sector

Cost of activities in country programme: \$72,000

Strategy:

The Government is committed to a complete phase out of ODS by 2005 through the establishment of a national compliance centre (institutional strengthening) to co-ordinate, implement and monitor the phase out programme; development and enforcement of ODS legislation, including a licensing system, banning imports of CFCs and CFCs-based refrigeration equipment, and fiscal incentives favouring non-ODS alternatives; implementation of training programmes for refrigeration servicing technicians and customs officers; and implementation of public awareness campaigns and information dissemination. This strategy is to be implemented as part of the Regional Strategy for Pacific Island Countries.

NATIONAL COMPLIANCE STRATEGY FOR SOLOMON ISLANDS

National Compliance Centre, Ministry of Mines and Energy

Status of ratification of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
Vienna Convention (1985)		17-Jun-93	15-Sep-93
Montreal Protocol (1987)		17-Jun-93	15-Sep-93
London Amendment (1990)		17-Aug-99	15-Nov-99
Copenhagen Amendment (1992)		17-Aug-99	15-Nov-99

Production of controlled substances: No controlled substances produced

Consumption of controlled substances (1999) 6.2 metric tonnes
6.2 weighted tonnes (ODP)

(tonnes)	CFC-11	CFC-12	CFC-113	CFC-114	CFC-115	TOTAL Halon1211	Halon1301	TOTAL	CTC	MCF	TOTAL	Me-Br
ODS		6.2				6.2						
ODP		6.2				6.2						

Distribution of ODP by substance: CFC 100.0% Halon CTC and MCF MB

Distribution of ODP by sector: Aerosol Foam Halon Refrigeration Solvent Other MB

Consumption (ODP tonnes): 0.0 0.0 0.0 6.2 0.0 0.0 0.0

Percent of total: 100.0%

MONTREAL PROTOCOL (ODP tonnes) CFCs Halons Methyl bromide

Baseline consumption 2.3

Allowable level of consumption in 2005 1.1

Source: Regional Strategy for PIC

Country Programme

Duration of country programme: 4 years (2002-2005)

ODS phase out target: Complete phase out by 2005

Phase out priority area: Refrigeration servicing sector and fumigant

Cost of activities in country programme: \$62,250

Strategy:

The Government is committed to a complete phase out of ODS by 2005 through the establishment of a national compliance centre (institutional strengthening) to co-ordinate, implement and monitor the phase out programme; development and enforcement of ODS legislation, including a licensing system, banning imports of CFCs and CFCs-based refrigeration equipment, and fiscal incentives favouring non-ODS alternatives; implementation of training programmes for refrigeration servicing technicians and customs officers; and implementation of public awareness campaigns and information dissemination. This strategy is to be implemented as part of the Regional Strategy for Pacific Island Countries.

NATIONAL COMPLIANCE STRATEGY FOR TONGA

National Compliance Centre, Department of Environment

Status of ratification of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
Vienna Convention (1985)		29-Jul-98	27-Oct-98
Montreal Protocol (1987)		29-Jul-98	27-Oct-98
London Amendment (1990)			
Copenhagen Amendment (1992)			

Production of controlled substances: No controlled substances produced**Consumption of controlled substances (1999)** 0.4 metric tonnes
0.8 weighted tonnes (ODP)

(tonnes)	CFC-11	CFC-12	CFC-113	CFC-114	CFC-115	TOTAL Halon1211	Halon1301	TOTAL	CTC	MCF	TOTAL	Me-Br
ODS		0.4				0.4						0.4
ODP		0.4				0.4						0.2

Distribution of ODP by substance: CFC 50.0% Halon CTC and MCF MB 30.0%

Distribution of ODP by sector:	Aerosol	Foam	Halon	Refrigeration	Solvent	Other	MB
Consumption (ODP tonnes):	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4
Percent of total:				50.0%			50.0%

MONTREAL PROTOCOL (ODP tonnes)	CFCs	Halons	Methyl bromide
Baseline consumption	1.7		
Allowable level of consumption in 2005	0.8		

Source: Regional Strategy for PIC

Country Programme**Duration of country programme:** 4 years (2002-2005)**ODS phase out target:** Complete phase out by 2005**Phase out priority area:** Refrigeration servicing sector and fumigant**Cost of activities in country programme:** \$57,700**Strategy:**

The Government is committed to a complete phase out of ODS by 2005 through the establishment of a national compliance centre (institutional strengthening) to co-ordinate, implement and monitor the phase out programme; development and enforcement of ODS legislation, including a licensing system, banning imports of CFCs and CFCs-based refrigeration equipment, and fiscal incentives favouring non-ODS alternatives; implementation of training programmes for refrigeration servicing technicians and customs officers; and implementation of public awareness campaigns and information dissemination. This strategy is to be implemented as part of the Regional Strategy for Pacific Island Countries.

NATIONAL COMPLIANCE STRATEGY FOR TUVALU

National Compliance Centre, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

Status of ratification of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
Vienna Convention (1985)		15-Jul-93	13-Oct-93
Montreal Protocol (1987)		15-Jul-93	13-Oct-93
London Amendment (1990)		31-Aug-00	29-Nov-00
Copenhagen Amendment (1992)		31-Aug-00	29-Nov-00

Production of controlled substances: No controlled substances produced

Consumption of controlled substances (1999) 0.2 metric tonnes
0.2 weighted tonnes (ODP)

(tonnes)	CFC-11	CFC-12	CFC-113	CFC-114	CFC-115	TOTAL Halon1211	Halon1301	TOTAL	CTC	MCF	TOTAL	Me-Br
ODS		0.2				0.2						
ODP		0.2				0.2						

Distribution of ODP by substance: CFC 100.0% Halon CTC and MCF MB

Distribution of ODP by sector: Aerosol Foam Halon Refrigeration Solvent Other MB

Consumption (ODP tonnes): 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.2 0.0 0.0 0.0

Percent of total: 100.0%

MONTREAL PROTOCOL (ODP tonnes) CFCs Halons Methyl bromide

Baseline consumption 0.3

Allowable level of consumption in 2005 0.2

Source: Regional Strategy for PIC

Country Programme

Duration of country programme: 4 years (2002-2005)

ODS phase out target: Complete phase out by 2005

Phase out priority area: Refrigeration servicing sector

Cost of activities in country programme: \$43,500

Strategy:

The Government is committed to a complete phase out of ODS by 2005 through the establishment of a national compliance centre (institutional strengthening) to co-ordinate, implement and monitor the phase out programme; development and enforcement of ODS legislation, including a licensing system, banning imports of CFCs and CFCs-based refrigeration equipment, and fiscal incentives favouring non-ODS alternatives; implementation of training programmes for refrigeration servicing technicians and customs officers; and implementation of public awareness campaigns and information dissemination. This strategy is to be implemented as part of the Regional Strategy for Pacific Island Countries.

NATIONAL COMPLIANCE STRATEGY FOR VANUATU

*National Compliance Centre**Status of ratification of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol*

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
Vienna Convention (1985)		21-Nov-94	19-Feb-95
Montreal Protocol (1987)		21-Nov-94	19-Feb-95
London Amendment (1990)		21-Nov-94	19-Feb-95
Copenhagen Amendment (1992)		21-Nov-94	19-Feb-95

Production of controlled substances: No controlled substances produced

Consumption of controlled substances (1999) 0.4 metric tonnes
0.4 weighted tonnes (ODP)

(tonnes)	CFC-11	CFC-12	CFC-113	CFC-114	CFC-115	TOTAL Halon1211	Halon1301	TOTAL	CTC	MCF	TOTAL	Me-Br
ODS		0.4				0.4		0.4				
ODP		0.4				0.4		0.4				

Distribution of ODP by substance: CFC 100.0% Halon CTC and MCF MB

Distribution of ODP by sector: Aerosol Foam Halon Refrigeration Solvent Other MB

Consumption (ODP tonnes): 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.4 0.0 0.0 0.0

Percent of total: 100.0%

MONTREAL PROTOCOL (ODP tonnes) CFCs Halons Methyl bromide

Baseline consumption 1.2

Allowable level of consumption in 2005 0.6

Source: Regional Strategy for PIC

Country Programme

Duration of country programme: 4 years (2002-2005)

ODS phase out target: Complete phase out by 2005

Phase out priority area: Refrigeration servicing sector

Cost of activities in country programme: \$54,250

Strategy:

The Government is committed to a complete phase out of ODS by 2005 through the establishment of a national compliance centre (institutional strengthening) to co-ordinate, implement and monitor the phase out programme; development and enforcement of ODS legislation, including a licensing system, banning imports of CFCs and CFCs-based refrigeration equipment, and fiscal incentives favouring non-ODS alternatives; implementation of training programmes for refrigeration servicing technicians and customs officers; and implementation of public awareness campaigns and information dissemination. This strategy is to be implemented as part of the Regional Strategy for Pacific Island Countries.



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UNEP 2002 WORK PROGRAMME AMENDMENT

PRESENTED TO THE
36TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE MULTILATERAL FUND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL

MARCH 2002

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UNEP 2002 WORK PROGRAMME AMENDMENT

March 2002

SUMMARY

- I. Consistent with its 2002 Business Plan, UNEP is submitting the following amendment to its 2002 Work Programme for the consideration of the Executive Committee at its 36th meeting. This amendment includes the following projects:

No	Project Title	Reference	Funding Requested (US\$)
1	Regional Strategy to Comply with the Montreal Protocol in the Pacific Island Countries	BP 2002	456,000
2	Country Specific Support for policy and Technical Assistance (31 countries)	BP 2002	410,000
3	Institutional Strengthening (1 year) for New Parties	BP 2002	119,000
4	Institutional Strengthening Renewal for Croatia *, Moldova, Senegal and Mongolia	*BP 2001 BP 2002	366,334
5	Translation of OzonAction Publications into other UN Languages	BP 2002	93,000
6	Country Programme / Refrigerant Management Plan formulation - Sao Tomé e Príncipe	BP 2002	30,000
7	CP updates (Iran and DPR Korea)	BP 2002	56,250
	GRAND TOTAL		1,530,584

- II. In addition to these activities, UNEP also expects to undertake activities related to certain projects being presented for consideration to the 36th Executive Committee by other Implementing Agencies and/or Bilateral Agencies. Accordingly, UNEP is not requesting funds for these activities as part of its 2002 Work Programme Amendment but is mentioning them for reference purposes. This includes:

Country	Project	Comments
Bolivia	RMP Implementation comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training in Good Practices of Refrigeration ▪ Training for Customs Officers ▪ Monitoring of the RMP ▪ Assistance with the Establishment of Legislation ▪ Users Awareness ▪ Recovery and Recycling Programme 	The project will be submitted by the Government of Canada. UNEP will assist the Government of Canada with the implementation of this project.

UNEP is also including for the consideration of the Executive Committee certain projects that were approved as part of UNEP's 2001 Business Plan, but which for various reasons (including preconditions not being met, or countries not being prepared to submit a project during last year) were not ready for submission during calendar year 2001. The 2001 projects are identified in the preceding table.

The activities proposed in this Amendment follow the latest applicable guidelines approved by the Executive Committee including relevant decisions taken at the 35th meeting.

1.) Title: Regional Phase-out in Pacific Island Countries

Background This project is part of 2002 Business Plan of UNEP.

Objectives: Assist with an accelerated and sustained CFC phase out in the Region (including a complete CFC phase out in eight of the fourteen PICs by end 2005) and achieve this in the most cost-effective manner.

Description: See separate Project Proposal that includes Regional Strategy. The Regional phase out activities will be carried out in collaboration with Australia (separate bilateral assistance sought) and New Zealand (for non-Parties). The South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP) will be the regional institute engaged in facilitating the regional mechanism.

Time Frame: See separate project proposal.

Cost: US\$ 456,000 (excluding agency support costs)

Project Milestones:

Task	Date (Months after approval)
Establish National Compliance Centres	1-6
Develop model regulatory framework	1-6
Regional workshop on national regulations	8
Thematic workshops (3)	12, 24, 36
Training of refrigeration technicians	6-30
Training of customs officers	9-33
Awareness raising campaign	6-36
Submission of PCRs	6 months after project completion

2.) Title: Policy and Technical Assistance for 31 Developing Countries

Background: UNEP's 2002 Business Plan includes a strategy for assistance to the countries directly from the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) - staff as well as resources directed towards the countries for them to undertake activities in the

area of policy setting and subsequent phases of training within the country. This project requests the funds for such country-specific support activities and resources will be transferred directly to the countries or if countries wish, part of it could be for group consultations.

UNEP's strategy in its reoriented Programme is built on basic tenet that unless the national commitment and political will is not demonstrated through expeditious policy setting, no investment in training projects will not be sustained. In fact, UNEP will promote a concept that funding for phase out activities including training should be sought only after policy assistance phase has made substantial progress.

Objectives:

Provide Policy and Technical Assistance to 31 countries to ensure that they:

- Have developed up-to-date, relevant and achievable country-driven national policy plans;
- Have import and export licensing systems and other relevant policy mechanisms in place as soon as possible and that they are effectively enforced; and
- Develop high level political commitment at a ministerial and senior decision-making level to promote integration of National Compliance Action Plan into the main national environmental plan of the ministry or country.

Description:

The project is divided up into the following components taking into account the common needs expressed by countries:

- Group consultations or country specific consultations on policy setting and enforcement where countries express such need.
- Support for Country-specific activities for compliance for CFC and methyl bromide phase out
- Consultations with High level government officials to enhance political commitment
- Support for Country specific consumer level awareness to facilitate policy setting.

Each component is described briefly below:

Group or country specific consultations will be structured using working sessions rather than plenary or seminar sessions in order to allow for more in-depth discussions. Policy experts from Art 5 countries in the region who have displayed excellent progress in the development of their policy and legislation will be invited to share their experiences in case group consultations are required by the countries.

Consultations will be facilitated by regional staff of UNEP. Following the consultations, each NOU will be required to prepare their own policy plans to include specific indicators that this assistance contributed to their capacity to develop and enforce new policy and legislation on CFCs, methyl bromide and

other ODS. It is envisioned that each country will be requested to submit written commitments to ensure that ozone protection policy is developed and ready for implementation within 12 months after the consultations are completed. Specific co-operation and performance based on commitments will be obtained from countries. This activity will be supported by specific funding for each country to undertake consultations to develop such policy.

The funding will be provided through performance/target based disbursement with initial facilitative advances.

Targets

Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African R, DR Congo, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, India, Iran, Kenya, Kyrgystan, Maldives, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, St Vincent, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Trinidad & Tobago, Venezuela, Uganda.

Local Facilitation:

Countries (NOUs) will be required to utilize resources to make local policy experts, facilitators and NGOs to perform and follow-up the activities as per target plans.

Expected Outputs

- Policy Action Plans (for policy setting and sustained enforcement)
- Plans to integrate Ozone policy into Ministerial/national environment policy
- Political commitment at high level.
- Consumer awareness that will promote policy setting and enforcement
- Sustained and enforceable policies in place for permanent phase-out of ODS.

Time Frame Costs

1 year

Activity	Cost US\$
Country Specific Assistance, ¹ Group National/ Consultation (US\$10,000 for each country)	310,000
Regional Meeting of High Level Government Officers to facilitate political commitment	100,000
TOTAL	410,000

¹ If countries express need for group consultation, the amount for each country will be adjusted accordingly.

Project Milestones:	Task	Date
		(Months after approval)
	Contractual Arrangements with the countries	1-3
	Country visits	4-5
	Group/National Consultations	6-12
	Policy Assistance to the 18 countries	Through Project duration
	Quality review and follow up reports	9-12

3) Title: IS Projects for New Parties Developing CP/RMPs (one year funding): Cambodia, Cape Vert, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Rwanda

Objectives: According to the Decision 35/5, UNEP is requesting funds for one year of Institutional Strengthening for the following new Parties where CP/RMP are being developed as per approval for their preparation at the 35th Executive Committee meeting:

Time Frame *1 year*

Cost:	Country	Cost (US\$)
	Cambodia	30,000
	Cape Vert	15,000
	Sierra Leone	26,000
	Somalia	26,000
	Rwanda	22,000

The funds requested are an estimate of the level of funds required to set up and operate National Ozone Units for one year, based on similar projects in countries with comparable characteristics in the same regions.

4.) Title: I.S. Renewals: Croatia, Moldova, Mongolia, Senegal

Objectives: Assist the Governments of the above-mentioned countries through renewals of their existing Institutional Strengthening projects, in accordance with the approved Executive Committee guidelines (including Decision 35/57 relating to the 30% increase in IS renewals).

Description: UNEP is sending separate proposals for these projects to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat.

Time Frame: See separate project proposals.

Cost:

Country	Cost (US\$)
Croatia	US\$ 87,900
Moldova	US\$ 69,334
Senegal	US\$ 152,100
Mongolia	US\$ 57,000

(the above exclude agency support costs)

*Project
Milestones:*

Task	Date (Months after approval)
Finalisation of IS renewal which includes budget allocation and activity plan under the new phase with the country.	2
First disbursement of funds	4
Submission of Progress reports	Every June and December
Submission of PCRs	6 months after project completion

5) Title: Translation of OzonAction Publications into Other UN Languages

Objectives: To translate, layout and print existing documents of the OzonAction Programme into French, Spanish and Arabic in order to better assist the French, Spanish and Arabic-speaking NOUs in their awareness raising and information dissemination activities and in the delivery of training activities.

Description: Out of the over 100 Article 5 countries, about 20 of these countries are Spanish speaking and another 20 are French-speaking, and about 12 of these are Arabic-speaking. Feedback gathered from evaluation forms submitted as part of each printed document, and based on network meetings have shown that there is a need to continue to translate documents prepared by the programme into French, Spanish and Arabic to serve the larger number of countries who use this languages.

The translation activities are envisioned only for documents that did not include a translation component when originally approved, and will be implemented following the CAP approach through the regions (i.e. Arabic translations to be done in West Asia, Spanish in Latin America). UNEP is proposing this project in order to ensure that such documents are translated, printed and disseminated for the use of the NOUs in their awareness raising and training activities.

Time Frame: March 2002 – March 2003

Cost:

Title of Publication	Language to be translated into	Cost (US\$)
Training Manual for Customs Officers	Arabic	15,000
Two Challenges, One Solution: Case Studies of Technologies that Protect the Ozone Layer and Mitigate Climate Change (54 pages)	French, Spanish, Arabic	15,000
Illegal Trade in Ozone Depleting Substances: is there a hole in the Montreal Protocol? (24 pages)	Arabic	5,000
Guidebook for Implementation of Codes of Good Practices	Arabic	10,000
How Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in developing countries can protect the Ozone Layer (65 pages)	French, Spanish, Arabic	18,000
Maintaining Military Readiness by Managing Ozone Depleting Substances	French, Spanish, Arabic	15,000
Eliminating Dependency on Halons: Self-Help Guide for Low Consuming Countries	French, Spanish, Arabic	15,000
Total		93,000

(above excludes agency support costs)

Project Milestones:

Task	Date (Months after approval)
Contracts awarded	1-2
Draft translation	3-4
Quality review translation	5
Final translation	6
Draft layout	7
Quality review layout	8
Final layout	9
Printing	10
Shipment	11
Dissemination	12

6. Title: Formulation of CP/RMP - Sao Tome e Principe

Objectives: Assist the above-mentioned country with the development of its Country Programme and Refrigerant Management Plan in accordance with the approved Executive Committee guidelines.

Description: UNEP is sending CP/RMP proposal to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat.

Time Frame: 12 months

Cost: US\$ 30,000 (excluding agency support costs)

Task	Date (months after project approval)
Signature of agreement	2
National Team established	3
First mission of UNEP	3
Data Survey completed	6
Second mission of UNEP	7
First draft of CP/RMP	9
Final CP/RMP	11
Submission of PCR	12

7. Title: Country Programme or RMP updates

Objectives: Assist the governments of the following countries to prepare their CP updates according to the Executive Committee guidelines:
Antigua & Barbuda, Fiji, Honduras, Iran, DPR Korea, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Seychelles*

Description: NOU is developing the CP or RMP update with UNEP's assistance. UNEP is sending CP/RMP proposal to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat.

Time Frame: 12 months after project approval

Cost: US\$ 56,250 (excluding agency support costs) for Iran and DPR Korea for approval at ExCom 36
(US\$100,000 to be requested at future Meetings (for the remaining countries))

Project

Milestones:

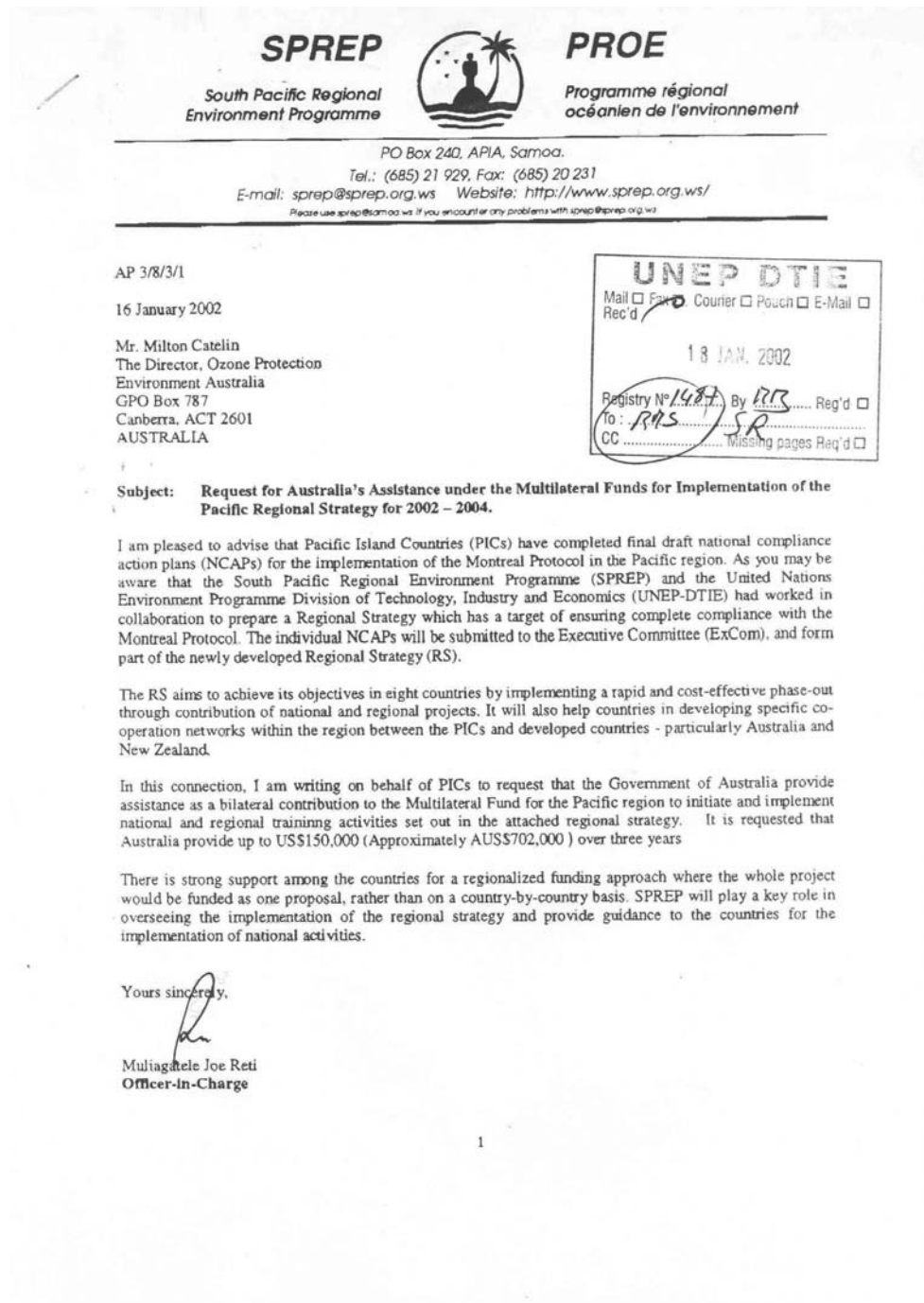
Task	Date (months after project approval)
Signature of agreement	1
First draft of the CP update ready	8
Final draft ready	10
Submission	12

* Country has requested to prepare a TPMP.

ANNEX A: ENDORSEMENT LETTERS

1. REGIONAL STRATEGY TO COMPLY WITH THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL IN THE PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES

A. SPREP (on behalf of the PICs)



B. Papua New Guinea

Raj Suresh

From: Iain McGlinchy [iainmcg@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: lundi 21 janvier 2002 03:20
To: suresh.raj@unep.fr
Cc: gabriel luluaki
Subject: (Fwd) Official letter from PNG

Suresh

As indicated below, here is a reply from PNG to say they want to be part of the strategy.

IAIN
 ----- Forwarded message follows -----
 Iain,

Sorry for the delay in sending you the official letter indicating PNG's participation in the Regional Strategy. I got carried away with some other official duties/requirements.

In any case, I am now unofficially indicating to you that as Papua New Guinea being an integral part of the Pacific Island Countries, it would request to be included in the Regional Strategy.

The Official letter would accompany the unofficial indication soon.

Thank you

Gabriel Luluaki
 ----- End of forwarded message -----

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That's Iain with two I's folks.

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C. Marshall Islands

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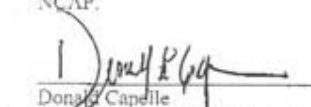
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IOKWE/ Greetings Mr. Shende,

Please be informed that the Board Members of the Marshall Islands' Environmental Protection Authority recently approved the revised National Compliance Action Plan for the Republic on Ozone Depletion Substances. As Chairman of the RMIEPA Board of Directors, I hereby duly signed this Letter of Approval to justify our assurance in supporting NCAP.



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I am pleased to inform that the Government of Tuvalu officially endorses and approves the attached NCAP and wants to take part in the Pacific Regional Strategy.

Our Government has requested assistance from the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for assistance with the formulation and submission of the National Compliance Action Plan (NCAP) for RMI and of the Pacific Regional Strategy.

Best wishes for the New Year.

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Dear Rajendra Shende,

The Kingdom of Tonga's Department of Environment (DoE) officially endorses and approves Tonga's National Compliance Action Plan (NCAP) for the Phasing Out of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS's). The Tongan Government has requested assistance from the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for the formulation and submission of the National Compliance Action Plan (NCAP) for Tonga and of the Pacific Regional Strategy.

SPREP's Regional Consultant, Mr. Iain McGlinchy has collaborated closely with the DoE in preparing the NCAP and I am extremely grateful for his contributions and technical assistance at all stages of the process. I would also like to acknowledge my support for the Pacific Regional Strategy and I'm optimistic of its effectiveness in contributing to a significant reduction and eventual elimination of ozone depleting substances.

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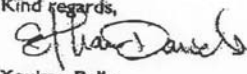
2. I trust your Christmas and New Year celebrations went well. It was good to meet you in Colombo last October during the Pacific Islands Delegations meeting and thank you for your assistance.
3. I write at this time to advise that the Kiribati Government has officially endorsed and approved the attached NCAP and wishes to take part in the Pacific Regional Strategy. The Kiribati Government has requested assistance from the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for assistance with the formulation and submission of the National Compliance Action Plan (NCAP) for Kiribati and of the Pacific Regional Strategy.
4. I trust that the submission meets your deadline and I look forward to hearing from you in the not too distant future and I thank you again for your assistance.

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Thank you

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.0 Background

There are fourteen countries in the South Pacific region that are constitutionally able to ratify the Montreal Protocol. The majority of the Pacific Island countries (PICs) have already ratified the Montreal Protocol: Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, Republic of the Marshal Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea (PNG), (Western) Samoa, the Solomon Islands, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Only two countries (the Cook Islands and Niue) remain non-Parties and outside the Protocol. Other islands¹ in the region are not independent nations and are not able to ratify the Protocol. They are therefore are not eligible for assistance under the Multilateral Fund.

Of the fourteen countries, only two of the Parties (Fiji and Samoa) have received assistance from the Multilateral Fund of the Montreal Protocol for phase-out activities. Kiribati, PNG, the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu have also received specific assistance from the Multilateral Fund to prepare country programmes.

The PICs are among the least developed countries in the world. They are also among the most isolated countries geographically. Because of the long distances between countries and the small populations, travel costs both within and between countries are very high. Because of their small size and small consumption the PICs risk being overlooked if they were to participate as individual countries. (This potential for being over looked has been clearly demonstrated in past years, when lists of Parties and non-Parties failed to list many of the PICs.)

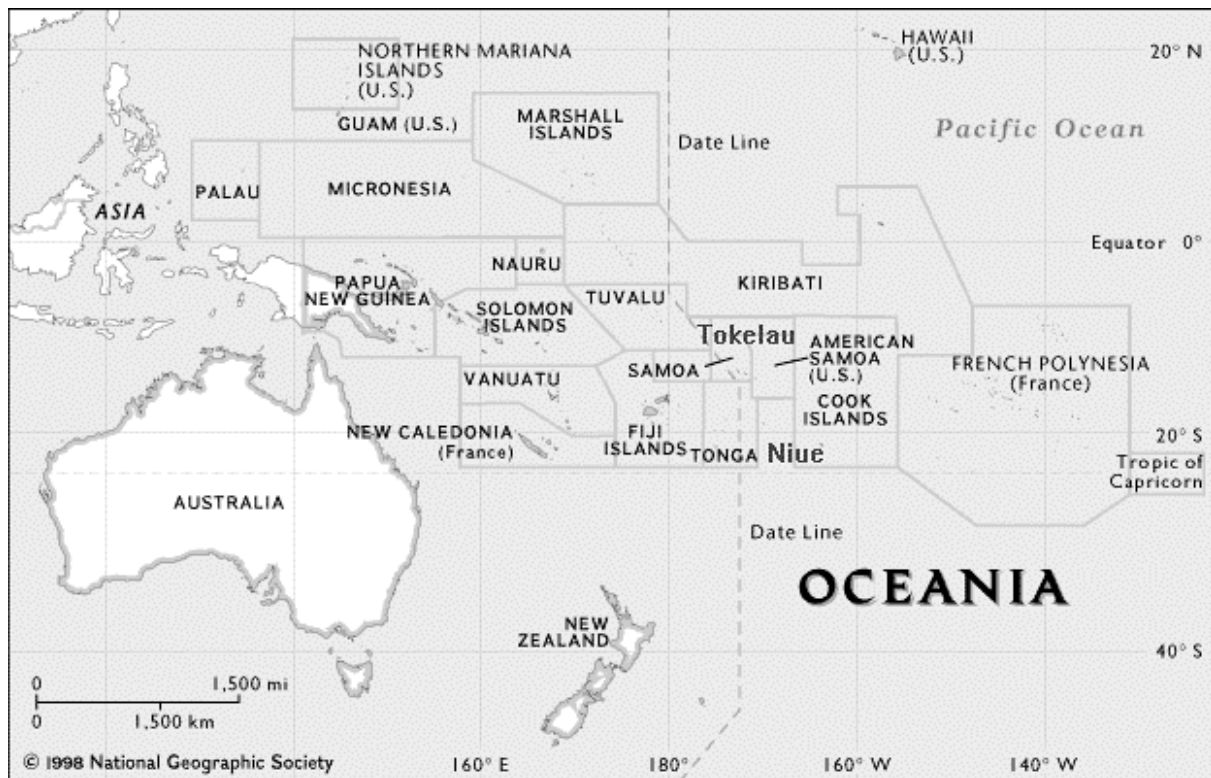
The use of ozone depleting substances (ODSs) controlled by the Montreal Protocol in the Pacific region is limited to chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) and methyl bromide. The first two are used solely for refrigeration and air-conditioning uses. All methyl bromide is used for "Quarantine and Pre-Shipment" (QPS) applications, as defined by the Protocol, except in PNG where there is insufficient information to confirm its uses.

The Montreal Protocol requires developing countries to control the consumption (production + import - export) of CFCs. Developing countries do not have to control the imports of HCFCs until 2015 and all QPS uses of methyl bromide are exempted (provided the country has ratified the 1992 Copenhagen Amendment). Therefore the focus of regional activities in the Pacific will have to ensure the sustainable phase out of CFCs and that there is no "back-sliding" once phase-out has been achieved.

There are no manufacturing facilities and no new installations of refrigeration equipment using CFCs in any of the countries. CFC-12 and to a much smaller extent, CFC-502 are now used exclusively in servicing existing mobile air-conditioners (MACs), (cars, trucks and buses), domestic refrigerators and small commercial refrigeration equipment. In most countries, the servicing of MACs is the largest ongoing use of CFCs.

Map 1 Pacific countries

¹ American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Wallis & Futuna, French Polynesia, Pitcairn, New Caledonia, Tokelau



In those remaining markets where CFCs are still available, prices are reported to be rising sharply. This is because traditional sources of supply: Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the US have stopped production or consumption. In addition to the actions of the developed countries, Fiji has implemented a phase-out of the import of ozone depleting substances into Fiji from 1 January 2000. Because Fiji was the major hub port for CFC supply to the Southern Pacific this policy has had an impact on supply of CFCs to PICs. For most of the PICs, the costs of importing CFCs from non-traditional markets are large.

The most significant threat to the sustainable phase-out of CFCs in the region is the importation of second hand vehicles from Japan and to a lesser extent, South Korea. Because most of the imported vehicles were built before 1995 (the year most car companies converted the air-conditioner units from CFC-12 to the non-ozone depleting HFC-134a) they are still fitted with CFC air-conditioning units when they arrive in the countries. In most countries there is a rising (and often unmet) demand to service these units. This demand creates an ongoing risk of illegal imports which is likely to reverse the present trends .

Some countries, most notably PNG and Palau face additional risks from illegal imports because of their proximity to large developing countries. PNG shares a land border with Indonesia and Palau is only 800km (500 miles) from the Philippines. Additional efforts may be necessary to ensure their ongoing compliance.

Because of the tropical climate and small land masses of the islands, corrosion of steel products including pipe work in refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment is a major problem. Most steel appliances have very short working lives, or require almost continuous maintenance to keep them in working order. Hence the servicing and maintenance training to reduce the use of CFCs assumes a significant importance. (see Annex 4)

Among the environmental issues that are facing PICs, climate change is a life threatening issue due to the consequences of sea level rise. In fact, for some this has become a devastating reality in the short term. Ozone layer protection is relatively lower in the agenda for these countries. In spite of this, PICs have

expressed their solidarity and the commitment to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol through their Declaration in the 13th Meeting of the Parties in Colombo in December 2001 (attached as Annex 1).

Due to, the PIC's geographical isolation, their very small consumption of ODS, the closed supply linkages and the relatively late ratification by many of them, the assistance required for these countries needs to be designed in a different way. It is important to emphasise a regional mechanism to support actions for the accelerated phase out. This is also significant in that it is synchronised with UNEP's reoriented programme. Furthermore, the PICs have a long history of making progress through regional co-operation. Such co-operation is common in the field of the environment through the activities of the regional agency, the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). The Regional Strategy will leverage this existing spirit and the political will of PICs to co-operate.

The Regional Strategy recognises that the costs of developing and implementing regulations and carrying out public awareness programmes are essentially the same in all countries, regardless of actual consumption. Having a small population does not make implementing international agreements any simpler. The proposed level of assistance to individual countries reflects this.

The Strategy also reflects that although supply of CFC has been reduced (due to outside forces), demand may not have decreased at the same time. Technicians must have the necessary skills to use alternative refrigerants and to re-use existing refrigerants to ensure they do not begin to consume CFCs again, should the opportunity arise.

Wherever possible, the Strategy will attempt to improve energy efficiency and thereby contribute to climate change objectives. This will be a particular focus of any training projects for refrigeration technicians.

Although there are fourteen countries in the region, not all will be equally involved in the Regional Strategy. PNG proposes to take part in certain specified activities. Because its consumption is far larger than any other country in the region (See section 2.1.1 below), it has need for more specific activities than other countries. Accordingly, PNG has requested assistance from GTZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit) to help with preparation of a further national strategy document, which will contain specific proposals for national level activities. This will be submitted separately to the ExCom by the end of 2002.

The involvement of each of the fourteen countries in the Regional Strategy is discussed in more detail in Annex 5. The Annex also includes copies of the National Compliance Action Plans (NCAP) for the eight core countries.

The level of assistance required for the PICs countries to enable them to comply with the Montreal Protocol therefore needs to be considered in the context of these dimensions and needs a departure from the usual considerations.

1.1 Status

As noted, twelve of the fourteen PICs have ratified the Montreal Protocol. All of the PICs are classified as operating under article 5.1 of the Montreal Protocol and are eligible for assistance under the Montreal Protocol's Multilateral Fund.

None of the fourteen countries produces CFCs and all consumption is by way of imports.

As far as can be determined all countries in the region except PNG (Ref. ExCom Doc 34/16), are in full compliance with the Montreal Protocol's obligations to reduce consumption, although some have not reported all of their required data. The absence of data reporting is being rectified with submission of data contained in the individual country National Compliance Action Plans (NCAPs).

Table 1.1 Status of Ratification as at 18 January 2001

Country	Vienna Convention (1985)	Montreal Protocol (1987)	London Amendment (1990)	Copenhagen Amendment (1992)	Montreal Amendment (1997)	Beijing Amendment (1999)
Cook Islands						
Fiji	23 Oct 1989	23 Oct 1989	9 Dec 1994	17 May 2000		
FSM	3 Aug 1994	6 Sep 1995	27 Dec 2001	27 Dec 2001	27 Dec 2001	27 Dec 2001
Kiribati	7 Jan 1993	7 Jan 1993				
Nauru	12 Nov 2001	12 Nov 01				
Niue						
Palau	29 May 2001	29 May 2001	29 May 2001	29 May 2001	29 May 2001	29 May 2001
PNG	27 Oct 1992	27 Oct 1992	4 May 1993			
Marshall Islands	11 Mar 1993	11 Mar 1993	11 Mar 1993	24 May 1993		
Samoa	21 Dec 1992	21 Dec 1992	4 Oct 2001	4 Oct 2001	4 Oct 2001	4 Oct 2001
Solomon Is	17 Jun 1993	17 Jun 1993	17 Aug 1999	17 Aug 1999		
Tonga	29 Jul 1998	29 Jul 1998				
Tuvalu	15 Jul 1993	15 Jul 1993	21 Aug 2000	21 Aug 2000		
Vanuatu	21 Nov 1994	21 Nov 1994	21 Nov 1994	21 Nov 1994		

1.2 Purpose

The eight core countries involved in the Pacific Regional Strategy are The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Palau, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

The objectives of the Pacific Regional Strategy are to

- 1) Assist with an accelerated and sustained CFC phase out in the Region (including a complete CFC phase out in eight of the fourteen PICs by end 2005);
- 2) Ensure complete phase out of all other ODS consumption except for HCFCs and methyl bromide used for "quarantine and pre-shipment (QPS) applications" by 2005; and
- 3) Achieve this in the most cost-effective manner.

To achieve these objectives, the Regional Strategy will provide:

- Direct support for the national actions to assist with the monitoring of accelerated phase out;
- Regional facilitation through SPREP for policy setting, training and public awareness;
- Active collaboration with bilateral donors i.e. Australia, New Zealand and Germany (limited to PNG);
- An overall advisory role by UNEP DTIE through their re-oriented compliance assistance programme monitored through Regional Office of Asia and the Pacific

As noted in section 1.1, the involvement of PNG will be supplemented by GTZ through a separate strategy document that will be submitted to ExCom by the end of 2002. Fiji and Samoa will be involved in activities that will enable these A5 regional leaders to provide south-south co-operation to their neighbours. The involvement of Nauru will be contingent upon Nauru's greater practical engagement. The involvement of the Cook Islands and Niue will be contingent upon their ratification or the New Zealand Government's provision of non-MP funding. Annex 5 contains a more detailed discussion of the status of involvement of each country.

The involvement of the countries in the components of the Regional Strategy is summarised in table 3.6 below.

The achievement of objectives of the Regional Strategy will depend upon receipt of assistance from the Multilateral Fund and assumes that no strategic retrofits are required in any of the countries to complete the phase out.

1.3 Assistance received

1.3.1 Regional activities

The following preparatory activities have been undertaken in PICs since 1998 with support from UNEP, Australia and New Zealand. SPREP through a MOU with UNEP has facilitated completion of these activities:

- A workshop was held in Apia, Samoa, in December 1998, to introduce countries to the Montreal Protocol and to seek feedback on how best to provide assistance
- Since early 1999 a consultant under contract to UNEP and SPREP has carried out visits to the PICs involved in the Regional Strategy. By October 2001, the regional consultant had visited all of the PICs except Nauru, which has not responded to offers of assistance and PNG, which plans to work with GTZ.
- In June 1999, representatives from the PICs attended a meeting in the margins of the OEWG in Geneva for a discussion on the regional programme.
- In late 1999 the regional consultant visited the non-Party countries of the Cook Islands and Niue with the assistance of the New Zealand Government.
- In June 2000, UNEP and SPREP established a co-operation agreement to provide support for the preparation and implementation of NCAPs and development of the Regional Strategy to phase out ODS in the PICs under the Multilateral Fund.
- In April 2001 a further workshop was held in Apia, Samoa to discuss the status of the PICs and the assistance available to complete the NCAPs.
- In October 2001 a workshop was held in the margins of the 13th Meeting of the Parties in Sri Lanka that discussed and endorsed the Regional Strategy approach to CFC phase-out in the PICs.

1.3.2 Assistance to countries

To date only Fiji, PNG and Samoa have received assistance to establish National Ozone Units (NOU) and only Fiji and Samoa have carried out projects to phase-out ODS. Kiribati, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu have received financial assistance, under an MOU with UNEP to help prepare their NCAP.

Table 1.2 Assistance to countries

Country	Activity Assisted
Fiji	Country programme preparation
Fiji	Assistance for formulation of refrigeration management plan
Fiji	Implementation of the RMP: Train the trainer programme for refrigeration service technicians
Fiji	Implementation of the RMP: Training of custom officers, ODS inspectorate and NOU staff
Fiji	Implementation of the RMP: National programme for recovery and recycling of refrigerants
Fiji	Institutional strengthening
Fiji	Renewal of institutional strengthening (Phase II)
Kiribati	Country programme preparation
Marshall Islands	Country programme preparation
Papua New Guinea	Country programme preparation
Papua New Guinea	Creation of an Ozone Unit
Samoa	Country programme preparation
Samoa	Assistance for formulation of refrigeration management plan
Samoa	Implementation of the RMP: Training of customs officials and NOU staff
Samoa	Implementation of the RMP: Training of refrigeration service technicians
Samoa	Establishment of the National Ozone Committee
Solomon Islands	Country programme preparation
Tuvalu	Country programme preparation
Vanuatu	Country programme preparation

2. CURRENT SITUATION

2.1 *Current and forecast consumption of ODSs*

2.1.1 Current CFC Consumption

According to information collected during the preparation of this strategy and presented in the individual NCAPs, five countries have zero known CFC consumption in 2000. Of those who continue to import CFCs, four countries reported consumption of less than 1 tonne of CFCs in 2000 and only three countries, have consumption greater than one tonne of CFC. Fiji once consumed over 50 tonnes of CFCs per year, but phased out CFC consumption in 2000.

The total CFC consumption for the whole region in 2000 was approximately 51 ODP tonnes of CFC, almost all of which was CFC-12.

Table 2.1 Consumption of CFCs in PICs (ODP Tonnes)

	Base Year Consumption	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000

Cook Is ^{1 2}	1.72	2.3	1.7	1.2	0.5	0	0
Fiji	33.40	59.8	26.7	13.7	13.1	9.38	0
FSM	1.22	1.3	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.2	1
Kiribati	0.70	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0
Marshall Islands	1.16	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.6	1.1	0.5
Nauru							
Niue ^{1 2}	0.05	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0
Palau	1.46	1.7	1.1	2.1	2.1	0.4	0.6
PNG	36.2	9.7	62.6	36.4	45.2	68.1	47.9
Samoa	4.50	4.43	4.5	4.5	2.6	4.8	0.64
Solomon Islands	2.12	2.3	2.1	2.4	0.8	6.2	0 ²
Tonga	1.44	2.3	1.1	1.7	2.0	0.4	0
Tuvalu	0.33	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0 ²
Vanuatu ²	1.21	1.6	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.4	No data
Total	85.5	87.5	103.9	65.5	69.0	92.5	50.6

Note: Blank cells indicate no data

¹ Non-Party

² Data is from Consultant's report, presentations at 2001 Montreal Protocol workshop in Apia, Samoa and discussions with Regional Consultant. Data may not have been transmitted to Ozone Secretariat or may have been updated.

As noted elsewhere, all CFC consumption is now for servicing of existing refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment. Most CFC-12 (70-90% of consumption) is used for servicing of CFC-air conditioning in vehicles. A smaller amount of CFC-12 and all CFC-502 is used to service commercial refrigeration equipment. The remainder is used to service domestic refrigeration equipment.

2.1.2 Forecast CFC Consumption

The traditional sources of CFC supply: Australia, Fiji, NZ, Japan and the US have all reduced the amount of CFCs available for export.

While consumption remains uncontrolled by national legislation there remains the possibility of one off imports equivalent to several years consumption being imported to replenish current supplies. Such large shipments have occurred in the past. The most recent example of this occurred in the Solomon Islands where the local ODS importer made a one off shipment of CFC-12 from India equivalent to several years consumption at previous levels.

There are also significant risks to future compliance from the potential rise in demand for CFCs to service mobile air-conditioners (MACs) in second hand vehicles imported from Japan and South Korea.

Some countries, especially those in Micronesia (FSM, Palau and Marshall Islands) have more extensive trade with South East Asia than others in the Southern Pacific. Importers may begin to import from non-traditional sources if demand continues.

Also as noted, PNG and Palau face particular risks from smuggled CFCs because of their proximity to large developing countries (Indonesia and the Philippines respectively) with relatively large ongoing supplies of CFCs.

2.1.3 HCFC Consumption

Historical records of HCFC consumption in the PICs are poor. Because many PICs only ratified the 1990 London Amendment and 1992 Copenhagen Amendments very recently there has been no obligation to collect or report data. HCFC consumption in general and HCFC-22 in particular is reported to be rising, and has been since the early 1990s when companies began switching away from CFCs for use in commercial refrigeration. In PICs with international fishing fleets or which service these, HCFC consumption can be many times larger than CFC consumption as virtually all ocean going fishing vessels in the region use HCFC-22 as the refrigerant.

Table 2.2 HCFC Consumption data (Metric tonnes of HCFC-22)

Country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Cook Is ^{1 2 3}	2.50	3.00	3.50	4.00		
Fiji	20.00	27.27	0.00	43.64	18.40	28.51 ³
FSM				5.29	4.72	5.23
Kiribati ³	0.48	0.33	0.29	0.43	0.56	0.54
Marshall Islands	1.08	1.31	1.31	1.33	2.34	2.39
Nauru						
Niue ^{1 2 3}	0.08	0.08	0.10	0.10		
Palau				1.42	2.07	1.28
PNG ³	43.60	30.91	47.27	87.27		70.51
Samoa ³				2.43	4.00	0.36
Solomon Islands	5.45	3.64	1.82	5.45		
Tonga			0.23	2.51	1.00	1.31
Tuvalu			0.23	0.23	0.20	0.28
Vanuatu ²	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.80	1.00	

Note: Blank cells indicate no data

¹ Non-Party

² Data is from Consultant's report.

³ Includes data presented at Montreal Protocol workshop in Apia, Samoa in April 2001 that may not have been transmitted to Ozone Secretariat or may have been updated since.

Because Article 5 countries are not required to control HCFC imports until 2015, the Regional Strategy only addresses HCFC consumption to assist with data reporting obligations.

2.1.4 Halon Consumption

None of the PICs currently has the ability to service halon fire extinguishers in their countries although some may have had facilities in the past. All imports of halons since the mid-90s were in manufactured halon fire extinguishers. Accordingly, consumption of bulk halons is zero in all countries. Where companies require servicing of extinguishers these are usually sent to other larger countries, particularly Australia or the US for servicing. The Solomon Islands is reported to have had a halon-filling rig in the past, but this has not operated since 1995. PNG also reported consumption of bulk halons in 1994, but has not reported any consumption since then. The Regional Strategy will ensure that halon consumption is prohibited in all countries. No actions are recommended or required in the Regional Strategy for addressing halon consumption

2.1.5 Methyl bromide consumption

There is no known use of methyl bromide for soil fumigation in the Pacific, although there is insufficient data from PNG to confirm this.

Most methyl bromide in the Pacific is imported from Australia, and to a lesser extent New Zealand. A small amount is imported from the US.

The Montreal Protocol allows countries to continue to use methyl bromide for QPS applications, provided the country is Party to the 1992 Copenhagen Amendment.

At least six of the PICs use methyl bromide for Quarantine and Pre-Shipment (QPS) fumigation of goods prior to export, and in some cases, for inward goods as well. Some, such as Kiribati, Tuvalu and the Cook Islands may have used methyl bromide for fumigation in the past, but do not have working fumigation facilities at present and have not imported any methyl bromide in recent years. Because all identified methyl bromide use is for QPS applications, it is exempted from controls under the Montreal Protocol and countries require no further action, other than to report quantities consumed.

PNG is reported to have used a small quantity of methyl bromide for fumigation of grain storage facilities. There is no information on the quantity used or whether the use constituted a QPS use under the Montreal Protocol. This possible non-QPS use will be addressed by the separate PNG Government/GTZ study.

Table 2.3 Consumption of methyl bromide in PICs

Country	Party to the 1992 Copenhagen Amendment?	Consumption in 2000 (metric tonnes)
Fiji	May 2000	6.7 ¹
FSM	November 2001	No data ²
PNG	Not Party to Amendment	0.3
Samoa	October 2001	0.1
Solomon Islands	August 1999	0.609kg (1999)
Tonga	Not Party to Amendment	0.7 tonnes

Note: ¹Data is estimate only and has not been transmitted to Ozone Secretariat

²No official data available. Given as “100 kg per year” in consultant’s report.

No activities are recommended or required under the Regional Strategy to phase out methyl bromide consumption for non-QPS uses. Consumption of methyl bromide for all non-QPS uses will be banned by national legislation as soon as this is developed.

2.1.6 Consumption of other ODS

There is no reported use or consumption of any other ODS, i.e. methyl chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, “other CFCs” and HBFCs anywhere in the Pacific. It is extremely unlikely that anyone would wish to import or use any of these substances in the Pacific, as there are no facilities able to use them. The Regional Strategy does not address the consumption of the other ODS, except to recommend all countries ban the import of these substances to ensure they remain in compliance.

No activities are recommended or required under the Regional Strategy to phase out other ODS uses. Consumption of all other substances uses will be banned by national legislation as soon as this is developed.

2.2 Industry structure

Surveys conducted show that all CFC consumption in the Pacific is for servicing of existing refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment. There are no manufacturing facilities using CFCs to manufacture plastic foam or refrigeration equipment. There is no known use of ODS solvents either.

2.2.1 Importers

Historically, countries in the Southern Pacific (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, Solomon Islands, PNG, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Samoa) imported CFCs from New Zealand and Australia, while those in the Micronesia in the Northern Pacific (FSM, Palau and Marshall Islands) imported CFCs from the US, and to a lesser extent, from Japan. There is no information on ODS supplies in Nauru, but it is assumed that, because of their location, they primarily traded with Australia and Fiji. Because of its colonial links to France, Vanuatu was unusual in importing most of its CFCs from Europe. This supply was reported to have stopped in 2000, but there is no official data to confirm this.

After New Zealand and Australia phased-out their domestic consumption of CFCs, most countries in the Southern Pacific began importing CFCs from Fiji, which is the main hub port for the Southern Pacific. The notable exceptions to this were the Cook Islands and Niue which essentially phased-out CFC consumption shortly after New Zealand. Trading routes did not allow them access to the Fijian suppliers of CFCs at a reasonable cost.

There is very little trade among the islands of the Southern Pacific, other than with Fiji. This is because most shipping routes are directly from Australia, Fiji or New Zealand, so high freight costs discourage inter-island trade. There is record of CFCs being traded between PNG and the Solomon Islands and also between the Solomon Islands and Samoa.

In Micronesia, imports of CFCs have, until recently (early 2001), continued to primarily come from the mainland US, with other supplies coming from Guam and Hawaii. It was reported that since early 2001 it has become more difficult to export CFCs from the US and importers are either ceasing import of CFCs or looking to Asia for additional supplies. Those who continue to import CFCs, do so mainly from Singapore, while a few have imported small quantities, especially of the disposable one pound (500gm) cans, directly from China.

Most islands have one or more major importer of refrigerant gas that often import for their own use, but also sell to local customers. In the very small islands (e.g. Cook Islands, Niue, Kiribati and Tuvalu) individual service workshops tend to order refrigerants on an “as needed” basis from other countries, most notably from Fiji or New Zealand.

2.2.2 Users of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning

There is no known use of CFCs for manufacturing or assembly of new equipment in any country. In all islands, where CFCs are still available, the service of mobile air-conditioners (MACs) is the largest remaining use of CFCs. Servicing of MACs makes up 70 – 90% of ongoing use. This is followed by use in servicing commercial refrigeration equipment with the smallest use in servicing domestic refrigeration. It is clear that assistance to reduce use of CFCs in servicing MACs will be a focus for any assistance in the PICs.

2.3 Institutional and policy framework

2.3.1 Regional Organisations

There are a number of regional bodies that may have a role in implementing the Montreal Protocol in the Pacific. The most important for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol is the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

- **The South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)**

SPREP is based in Apia Samoa. UNEP played a major role in the establishment of SPREP as part of its Regional Seas Programme. Since then its mandate has widened. SPREP's mission is now to:

- To promote co-operation in the Pacific islands region.
- To provide assistance in order to protect and improve the environment, and
- to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

SPREP, under an MOU with UNEP, has carried out preparatory activities including assistance with the development of the individual NCAPs and development of regional strategy, with financial assistance from Multilateral Fund and New Zealand.

Because resources in the small islands are concentrated on the climate change issue, the Montreal Protocol and climate change activities should be co-ordinated at a regional level. SPREP, which is involved in a number of regional initiatives, will facilitate this.

In addition to SPREP there are several other regional bodies that may have a role in implementing the Montreal Protocol.

- **The Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC)**

The Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC) is a Pacific Island development organisation with a mandate as a technical advisory, training and research organisation. The SPC's Plant Protection programme has had an important role in encouraging countries to ratify the 1992 Copenhagen Amendment to ensure they have ongoing supplies of methyl bromide for quarantine and pre-shipment applications.

- **The Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO)**

The Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO) is a regional body established in 1998 representing Customs agencies in 23 countries and territories in the Pacific region. Its headquarters are in Brisbane, Australia. The OCO has a range of functions, including promotion of training of Customs officers. The OCO has indicated willingness to work with SPREP and other agencies to help co-ordinate provision of training to Customs Officers in the region.

- **The South Pacific Forum (SPF)**

The South Pacific Forum (SPF) represents Heads of Government of all the independent and self-governing Pacific Island countries, Australia and New Zealand. Its primary focus is on areas of political and economic co-operation. The Forum has not dealt with the Montreal Protocol, but may be involved in the future in encouraging implementation.

2.3.2 Existing Regional Trade and Environmental Agreements

There are no regional trade or environmental agreements with obvious application to the implementation of the Montreal Protocol. While regional agreements do exist in areas such as hazardous wastes, implementation is still carried out at a national level, usually with the assistance of SPREP.

2.3.3 National Policy and Regulatory regimes

Of the fourteen PICs, only Fiji has implemented comprehensive regulations to control the import of ODS. Samoa is in the process of developing controls as part of its RMP, but this has not been completed. None of the other countries have any legislation in place. The Solomon Island NCAP reports that their government began to implement controls on the import of ODS in 2000, but this process has been disrupted due to civil unrest.

Fiji

Fiji has two primary controls on ODS. The Ozone Depleting Substances Act 1998, and the Ozone Depleting Substances Regulation 2000. These provide comprehensive controls on the import, export and use of all ODS in Fiji. The most important control, especially for neighbouring countries are the prohibitions on the import and export of all ODS except HCFCs and methyl bromide from (or before in some cases) 1 January 2000.

The Act makes it illegal to sell, store, process or purchase for resale any controlled substance in any premises or facility in Fiji and bans the import of any controlled substances or any apparatus or equipment, which contains a controlled substance other than HCFCs or methyl bromide.

No one can undertake any activity in Fiji related to controlled substances unless they have a license from the Department of the Environment and conform to certain conditions under the Act.

Samoa

Samoa does not currently have legislation to control ODS. Draft regulations have been prepared that will be implemented under the Lands, Surveys and Environment Act 1989. The NOU, together with National Ozone Committee have prepared the first draft of the "Ozone Layer Protection Regulation" and this draft was submitted to the Minister and the Director of Lands, Surveys and Environment for their comments in late 2001. The draft regulation includes:

- Ban on import, export or sale of any automotive air conditioner.
- Ban on import or export of any air conditioner, air condition unit, refrigerator or refrigeration unit, including compressor that contains or uses CFC.
- Reduction on import duties for recovery and recycle units for the recovery, recycle and reuse.
- Ban on import of any system that contains a CFC.
- Ban on the purchase of CFCs to individuals not accredited.

Once it is finalised, the NOU will submit the regulation to the Cabinet for approval before its enforcement.

Before implementing a total ban on ODS, importers will be required to obtain permits or licenses to bring in ODSs into Samoa by following the procedures in the proposed import licensing system. This licensing system will be formulated once Cabinet approves the regulation.

Solomon Islands

In 1998, the Solomon Islands National Parliament passed an Environment Bill, which encouraged the country to “comply and give effect to the regional and international conventions and obligations relating to environment.”

To effectively control and monitor the imports and exports of the ozone deplete substances, the government was in the process of amending the Custom and Excise Act to include the ozone deplete substances as restricted and prohibited imports and exports. However, this process was not completed due to civil unrest (see Annex 5).

3. IMPLEMENTING PHASE OUT

3.1 *Commitment to the Regional Strategy*

National Compliance Action Plans (NCAPs) have been developed by eight countries. All but two of the NCAPs have been completed and endorsed by senior government officials in the relevant countries. It is expected that the two remaining Governments (FSM and Vanuatu) will also complete development of their NCAPs and formally endorse the Regional Strategy in the near future. The attached NCAPs (Annex 5) are the core basis from which the Regional Strategy is developed. This Strategy has been discussed with the government of PICs and they have also endorsed it in their letters submitting their NCAPs.

Copies of the letters of endorsement by the Governments are also attached in Annex 5.

3.2 *National level activities*

3.2.1 National Compliance Centres

It is proposed that all countries that have not received assistance to date be provided with financial support for a part time “National Compliance Centre” (NCC) in their countries. This assistance will be for three years at a rate equivalent to 37% of a full time position for three years at normal costs for a Government position in each country (as provided by the national Government and verified by SPREP). All of the National Government have agreed to provide in-kind support in the form of office space and some office equipment.

The figure of 37% of a full time position is derived from the assumption that the bulk of the tasks for the NCC will fall in the first year. It is assumed that for the first year the position would be funded at 70% of full time and for the following two years it would be funded at 20% of fulltime. The actual allocation of hours will be at the discretion of the national Governments within the overall total allocated.

This support would be provided to the following countries:

Table 3.1 Costs for National Compliance Centres for three years (US\$)

	Cost for one full time position at standard national rates ¹ .	Costs for one year at 70% of full time position	Cost for two years at 20% of full time position	Total for country over three years.
FSM ²	\$ 20,000	\$14,000	\$8,000	\$22,000
Kiribati	\$ 10,000	\$7,000	\$4,000	\$11,000
Palau	\$ 20,000	\$14,000	\$8,000	\$22,000
Marshall Islands	\$ 20,000	\$14,000	\$8,000	\$22,000

Solomon Islands	\$7,500	\$5,250	\$3,000	\$8,250
Tonga	\$7,000	\$4,900	\$2,800	\$7,700
Tuvalu	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$5,500
Vanuatu ²	\$7,500	\$5,250	\$3,000	\$8,250
Total		\$67,900	\$ 38,800	\$106,700

¹ Estimates provided by national governments

² Estimate provided by SPREP. Final estimate awaited from national government.

Three countries, i.e. Fiji, PNG and Samoa are ahead in getting national support and three are not Parties or have not requested assistance at this time.

The NCC will carry out national activities related to the compliance with the Montreal Protocol that are set out in the individual NCAPs in Annex 5. In particular the NCC will be responsible for development and implementation of national regulations to control consumption of ODS in the country. This task is expected to occupy most of the NCC's time for the first year.

Each NCC will:

- Develop and implement national regulations to control consumption of ODS and ODS containing goods in accordance with approved NCAPs.
- Allocate import licences in accordance with NCAP and national regulations where required.
- Hold meetings of national ozone committees to ensure co-operation and compliance at a national level.
- Undertake awareness raising activities.
- Maintain close co-operation and communications with UNEP, SPREP and any bilateral donors.
- Co-ordinate the provision of training programmes for refrigeration technicians and customs officers with UNEP, SPREP and training provider.
- Collect and report data on consumption to Ozone Secretariat and Multilateral Fund as required.
- Provide financial reports to Multilateral Fund as required.
- Provide quarterly reports to SPREP on progress with implementation of NCAPs.
- Implement licensing and accreditation schemes if required under individual NCAPs.
- Participate in any regional meetings to share information on implementation of Montreal Protocol and in any regional electronic information exchange forms.
- Participate in international meetings, such as Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) meetings and Montreal Protocol Meeting of the Parties where existing funding allows.
- Assist consultants from SPREP or other agencies when visiting country.

In addition to the funds for the above tasks, funds are requested for other costs associated with establishing and operating the office. These include an amount for purchase of necessary office equipment, such as computers and software, communications and a small national allowance for public awareness activities. The amount for public awareness is intended to pay for in-country costs, such as advertising and is in addition to the separate amount requested below for printing and translation costs.

Table 3.2 Other national support costs (US\$)

	Support for operation of NCC (communication, computer software etc)	Public awareness, information dissemination and monitoring for three years	Total funds for three years
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	For three years		
FSM	\$5,500	\$ 6,500	\$12,000
Kiribati	\$5,500	\$ 6,500	\$12,000
Palau	\$5,500	\$ 6,500	\$12,000
Marshall Islands	\$5,500	\$ 6,500	\$12,000
Solomon Islands	\$5,500	\$ 6,500	\$12,000
Tonga	\$5,500	\$ 6,500	\$12,000
Tuvalu	\$5,500	\$ 6,500	\$12,000
Vanuatu	\$5,500	\$ 6,500	\$12,000
Total	\$44,000	\$ 52,000	\$96,000

Activity	Budget
Assistance to eight countries for part time position in “National Compliance Centre”	US\$106,700
Assistance to eight countries for support for operation of NCC (e.g. communications, public awareness and monitoring activities)	US\$96,000
TOTAL	US\$202,7000

3.2.2 Training of Trainers/Technicians in Good Practices of Refrigeration

All of the NCAPs have identified the need to train workers in the refrigeration sector to ensure they have the skills to manage the phase-out of CFC refrigerants. The skills required include the knowledge of how to keep existing equipment functioning by reducing leakage through better maintenance, retrofitting existing equipment to utilise low or non-ozone depleting refrigerants and the use of recovery and recycling equipment, especially for mobile air-conditioners.

This training has a high priority in the strategy because of the current largely un-met demand for CFCs to service the mobile air-conditioners (MACs) in the imported second hand vehicles. As noted, this trade poses a great risk to all countries’ ongoing compliance. It is therefore important that service technicians have the skills to service CFC-MACs either by reusing the CFCs in the vehicles through the use of recovery and recycling equipment, or to service them without CFCs, by retrofitting them to alternatives.

In the commercial refrigeration sector, selection of inappropriate refrigerants and poor maintenance may increase energy assumption in resulting in unnecessary increases in energy demand, contributing to climate change concerns. All training will include advice on improving energy efficiency of equipment.

The Strategy proposes that training will take place in each country in the region. This is because the very high costs of travel between countries make it more costs effective to “send the course to the country” than it does to send the “country to the course”. Any savings in the costs of trainers time by centralising the training are usually quickly off set by higher travel costs if more than one or two persons will travel from the country.

It is proposed that where there is a technical training centre in the country concerned that teaches refrigeration courses, the training will be of the “train the trainers” form. These trainers will continue the training at their colleges after the instructor has left. Where there is no technical training capacity in the country, the training will be held as a one off training course in the country. In both cases the training

course, when it is held, will be open to as many people as possible/practical to ensure maximum benefit from having the trainers in the country.

Annex 3 contains a detailed outline of the proposed training of trainer/technicians in good practices of refrigeration.

Table 3.3 Costs for countries participating in refrigeration sector training (US\$)

	Costs of Training	Recommended number of recovery and recycling machines	Cost of machine (including transport) at US\$4,000 per machine	Total cost for Refrigeration sector training
FSM	\$10,000	4	\$16,000	\$26,000
Kiribati	\$10,000	2	\$8,000	\$18,000
Palau	\$10,000	4	\$16,000	\$26,000
Marshall Islands	\$10,000	5	\$20,000	\$30,000
Solomon Islands	\$10,000	6	\$24,000	\$34,000
Tonga	\$10,000	5	\$20,000	\$30,000
Tuvalu	\$10,000	2	\$8,000	\$18,000
Vanuatu	\$10,000	4	\$16,000	\$26,000
Total	\$80,000		\$128,000	\$208,000

The amount requested includes an allocation US\$10,000 per country to pay for the training provider and the costs of conducting the training in each country. The budget also includes an amount to purchase recovery and recycling equipment and to transport it to the each of the countries. Under the Regional Strategy, each country will be provided with a number of recovery and recycling machines (see Table 3.3 above) for use in the MAC service sector, where recycling is a priority. The number of machines has been calculated based on the historic levels of consumption between 1995 and 2000.

After training has been provided, at least one machine will be used by the training institution for further training courses, where such institutions exist.

Although in developing the budget, individual sums have been allocated for the costs of training against each country involved (Table 3.3), it is intended to pool these funds into one regional training fund, to be administered by SPREP. It is intended that the actual training courses will be provided by an regional industry or educational body. Because of their considerable experience in this area, it is likely that the training organisation will be from Australia. The organisation will link up with the training colleges and institutes identified in each country's NCAP. Because Fiji is a hub airport for many countries it may be cost effective in some instances to hold the training in Fiji, especially where the country concerned does not have its own training facility. Where this is cost effective, Fiji's Institute of Technology, which carried out the refrigeration sector training in Fiji, will also be utilised for regional training of refrigeration technicians.

By contracting one or two agencies to carry out the training in all countries, it is expected that there will be greater opportunities for cost savings and economies of scale.

The training will only take place after CFC prices are favourable, but as noted this is already the case in all countries involved in the Regional Strategy where CFCs are either unavailable, or where prices are reported to be rising sharply.

Training will initially focus on those countries which still have CFC consumption (The Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Palau and the Solomon Islands), but will include technicians from as many countries as possible, with all countries receiving training over the three years.

The New Zealand Government is also being approached to contribute additional funding to follow up on the training workshop held in New Zealand in May 2000. If such funding is provided, it would be from non-Montreal Protocol sources.

Participation of PNG

The Government of PNG has requested it take part in the training under the Regional Strategy on a “train-the-trainers” basis. The funds for carrying out the train-the-trainer activities in PNG are discussed separately under 3.3.5 Technical assistance for other countries. Additional training may be undertaken by GTZ as identified in PNG’s NCAP, which is still being developed. PNG will not be provided with any recovery and recycling equipment under the Regional Strategy.

Activity	Budget
Refrigeration sector training (“Train the trainers/ Technicians”) for eight countries, including provision of recovery and recycling machines	US\$208,000
TOTAL	US\$208,000

3.2.3 Training of Customs Officers

Training for Customs Officers will be an important part of the Regional Strategy. The training will be offered to the nine countries under the RS. (i.e.: FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, PNG, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu)

Some countries, most notably PNG and Palau face particular risks from smuggling because of their proximity to larger developing countries that still have CFC supplies. Others face risks particularly from mislabelled shipments being imported for use in MACs. This training will therefore focus on recognition of CFCs and their alternatives. It will be based on the course and manuals developed by UNEP DTIE. Annex 2 discusses the contents of the proposed Customs training courses in greater detail.

The Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO) has indicated that it will assist to co-ordinate the customs training, allowing co-ordination with other training programs they are already undertaking. The actual training is expected to be provided by the regional consultant under this programme. The regional consultant will also attempt to carry out the training in conjunction with other country visits in order to reduce costs for this training.

Fiji and Samoa have already received Customs training and their officers may be used to train others in the region where this is possible.

In addition to the provision of training in recognition of ODSs, all Customs agencies in the region will receive one or two refrigerant identifiers for testing refrigerants at the ports. The number provided will depend on the number of ports and amount of refrigerants imported.

Table 3.4 Funds requested for country-level assistance for enforcing ODS regulations (including a licensing system), training of customs officers and ODS identification kits (US\$)

FSM ¹	\$ 10,000
Kiribati ¹	\$10,000
Palau	\$8,000
Marshall Islands	\$ 8,000
Solomon Islands	\$ 8,000
Tonga	\$ 8,000
Tuvalu	\$ 8,000
Vanuatu	\$ 8,000
Total	\$ 68,000

¹Additional funds have been allocated because of the very high internal travel costs in these countries.

Participation of PNG

PNG intends to take part in the RS's Customs training and funds have been allocated for this in the separate budget line in section 3.3.5 below.

Activity	Budget
Country-level assistance for enforcing ODS regulations (including a licensing system), training of customs officers and ODS identification kits	US\$68,000
TOTAL	US\$68,000

3.3 Regional level activities

3.3.1 Development of model regulations

The primary task of the NCCs will be to develop and implement appropriate national legislation to ensure that the phase-out of CFCs is sustainable. To assist countries in this, SPREP will oversee the development of model national regulations for all countries. These will be based on models from countries in the region such as Australia and New Zealand and also Fiji, which is the only PIC to implement national controls so far.

Each model will be customised for the country, to take into account the current institutional framework in the countries, including existing organisations (e.g. ministry of environment, customs and trade organisations, national committees), policy (legislation in place, economic incentives) as well as current and forecast consumption. National level workshops will be conducted to assist with implementation of these model regulations in each country.

The model regulations will be provided to all countries in the region, including the non-Parties. However, any assistance to the non-Parties to implement the regulations will either be provided by the New Zealand Government directly, or it will be provided as a bilateral contribution, once they have ratified.

Activity	Budget
Policy assistance and guidance to countries for the development of model ODS regulations and adaptation at the national level	US\$90,000
TOTAL	US\$90,000

3.3.3 Thematic meetings

The Regional Strategy proposes that one meeting be held each year for the three years of the project on a thematic issue (i.e. compliance; monitoring, including custom codes; good practices in refrigeration; and certification and regulations, including public awareness and policy enforcement). These discussions should focus on implementing of strategies and draw on experiences of all countries in the region, including developed countries such as Australia and New Zealand. The meetings will be open to all PICs, including Fiji, Samoa and PNG, in order for the countries to share their common experiences. Assistance for participation by the two non-Parties will be requested from the New Zealand Government.

Where possible, SPREP will take advantage of other regional meetings to hold Montreal Protocol workshops in the margins, especially where the meetings take place at SPREP's Headquarters. This has occurred already on several occasions during preparation of the NCAPs.

The budget for these meetings is US\$50,000 for three meetings over three years.

Activity	Budget
Three thematic meetings to be held over three years at central location in Pacific for twelve countries on issues related to implementation of the Regional Strategy.	US\$50,000
TOTAL	US\$50,000

3.3.4 Technical assistance to countries and regional Implementation

It is clear from the lack of progress in implementing the Montreal Protocol in the region, until SPREP's involvement in 2001, that the countries do not have the capacity to carry out implementation on their own. Past experience has shown that clear regional guidance and oversight is the key to successful implementation of environmental initiatives in the Pacific island countries. The model of regional support proposed for implementing the Montreal Protocol is already being successfully used by SPREP to implement the Climate Change Convention and the Basel Convention on Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes in the region.

Under the overall guidance of UNEP DTIE and its Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, SPREP will play a key role in overseeing the implementation of the Regional Strategy and providing the necessary technical assistance. It will provide guidance to the countries for implementation of the national activities and the Regional Strategy, including the regional training for customs officers and refrigeration technicians. SPREP will also and provide policy assistance and co-ordinate regional awareness raising programmes.

SPREP will play the major role in co-ordinating phase out efforts in the region, using local and regional consultants and local staff (Assistant Project Officer (APO)) for 3 years, in order to build local capacity and ownership. This approach has been endorsed by all of the countries involved. Furthermore, this approach is an extension of UNEP's reoriented programme which focuses on achieving and sustaining compliance, promoting greater sense of country ownership, and implementing the agreed Executive Committee framework for strategic planning.

To ensure that the strategy is implemented successfully, SPREP will carry out the actions that are indicated in Sections 3.4 and 3.6. These include:

- Overseeing establishment of National Compliance Centres in eight countries, including development and implementation of contracts with national Governments.
- Disbursing funds to national governments under the strategy and in line with milestones set out in Section 3.6 Monitoring arrangements
- Assisting with communications between countries
- Co-ordinating provision of training for refrigeration technicians/train the trainer.
- Administering fund for subsidy of recovery and recycling equipment
- Organising workshops in margins of other meetings held at SPREP

- Overseeing development of model national regulations and assist with implementation at National level
- Overseeing translation of existing publicity material into Pacific languages and distribute to countries.
- Providing general policy assistance and co-ordinate regional awareness raising programmes.

Table 3.5 Funds requested for technical assistance and regional implementation over three years (US\$)

FSM	\$ 15,000
Kiribati	\$ 15,000
Palau	\$ 15,000
Marshall Islands	\$ 15,000
Solomon Islands	\$ 15,000
Tonga	\$ 15,000
Tuvalu	\$ 15,000
Vanuatu	\$ 15,000
Total	\$ 120,000

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Technical assistance to the countries and regional implementation including assistance in monitoring the implementation at the regional level	US\$120,000
TOTAL	US\$120,000

3.3.5 Technical assistance for other countries in the region not included in the Regional Strategy

As noted above and shown in table 3.6, the Government of PNG wishes to take part in certain elements of the Regional Strategy, but not all. The cost for these activities has not been included in the budgets. Instead, a separate budget of US\$50,000 is proposed to cover these costs, plus the costs of providing any assistance that Fiji and Samoa may require in implementing their strategies. In addition, they will be utilised to assist Nauru, and, once they ratify, become involved, should the Government wish.

Table 3.6 Participation in Regional Strategy

Country		Regional Strategy Activity			Participation in regional meetings	Public awareness	Customs training	Technicians training	Recovery and recycling subsidy
		Institutional Strengthening	Office set up costs	Communication costs					
FSM		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kiribati		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Marshall Islands		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Palau		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Solomon Islands		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tonga		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tuvalu		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Vanuatu		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Nauru ²	Ratified November 2001	■	■	■	✓	■	■	■	
Niue ³	Not a Party	■	■	■	✓ ⁴	■	■	■	
Cook Islands ⁵	Not a Party	■	■	■	✓ ⁶	■	■	■	
Fiji	National funds already allocated	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	
PNG	National funds already allocated	X	X	X	✓	✓ ⁷	✓ ⁸	✓ ⁹	X ¹⁰
Samoa	National funds already allocated	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	

² Assistance to be discussed with national government. To be funded by a separate bilateral contribution.

³ To be funded as a separate bilateral contribution from New Zealand Government once ratified

⁴ With financial assistance from New Zealand Government until ratification

⁵ To be funded as a separate bilateral contribution from New Zealand Government once ratified

⁶ With financial assistance from New Zealand Government until ratification

^{7 8 9 10} A separate strategy document is being prepared jointly by the Government of PNG and GTZ that will include specific proposals for activities in PNG. These may include additional activities in these areas. Any funding requested for this will be separate from that in the Regional Strategy.

3.4 Implementation Schedule

Table 3.7 Implementation schedule

Activity	2002			2003				2004				2005
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Establish National Compliance Centres within the environment agencies of the individual countries (as set out in individual NCAPs).	X	X										
Develop model regulatory framework for all countries to achieve accelerated phase-out to implement the Montreal Protocol.	X	X										
Collect and report to Ozone Secretariat all outstanding consumption data for all countries for all years.	X		X			X	X			X	X	
Three thematic workshops on implementation of Montreal Protocol over three years.					X				X			X
Implement and monitor training of customs officers to ensure proper control of import and export of ODSs and information collection and submission in all countries				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Implement and monitor training of refrigeration service technicians in good practices of refrigeration to minimise the use of ODSs and mitigate their emissions into the air during the service of refrigerators			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Provide Pacific-relevant materials from UNEP DTIE to countries for public awareness campaign on necessity and means for protection of the Ozone Layer of the Earth		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

3.5 Budget and financial programme

The estimated cost of the projects equals to US\$788,700 of which US\$338,700 is being sought from the Multilateral Fund and AUS\$702,000 (equivalent to US\$450,000 calculated at the fixed exchange rate of 1.56 AUS\$ per US\$ as agreed in Decision 11/6) will be contributed by the Australian Government as a bilateral contribution under the Multilateral Fund. Implementation of the individual NCAPs and of the Pacific Regional Strategy will be dependent on financing by the Multilateral Fund.

In addition to the bilateral contribution of AUS\$702,000 by Australia, the New Zealand Government has indicated it will assist the Cook Islands and Niue once they have ratified. The level of assistance required by the Cook Islands, Nauru and Niue has not been determined and will be the subject of a separate proposal.

The bilateral assistance may also include funds from other, non-Montreal Protocol sources, such as development budgets.

Table 3.8 Summary of costs of projects in Pacific Regional Strategy

Project	Funds Requested from the Multilateral Fund	Agency responsible
1 Establishment of National Compliance Centres (NCCs) in eight countries including office set up costs, communications, local public awareness activities and monitoring activities	US\$202,700	UNEP
2 National training programme for refrigeration service technicians, including R&R equipment in eight countries	US\$208,000	Government of Australia
3 Country-level assistance for enforcing ODS regulations (including a licensing system), training of customs officers and ODS identification kits	US\$68,000	Government of Australia
4 Policy assistance and guidance to countries for the development of model ODS regulations and adaptation at the national level	US\$90,000	UNEP
5 Three thematic meetings on issues related to implementation of the Regional Strategy to be held over three years at central location in Pacific for twelve countries.	US\$50,000	UNEP
6 Technical assistance to the countries including assistance in monitoring the implementation at the regional level	US\$120,000	UNEP
7 Technical assistance for other countries in the sub-region not included under the PIC strategy	US\$50,000	UNEP
Total	<u>US\$ 788,700</u>	

Note: Australia's 2002 Final Business Plan states that Australia will contribute the fixed exchange rate equivalent of US\$450 000 (\$1US = \$1.56 AUS). It is Australia's intention that this money be directed to refrigeration technician training and the "country level enforcement" activities. However, these only total US\$276 000. Australia would like to confirm that its allocation of funds to these line items does not preclude Australia from funding other activities under this project.

Table 3.9 Funds requested from the Multilateral Fund for all activities

Total for all projects	US\$788,700
AUS\$702,000 contributed by Australia as bilateral contribution converted to US\$450,000 calculated at the fixed exchange rate of 1.56 Australian dollars for each US dollar as agreed in Decision XI/6.	US\$450,000
Amount requested from Multilateral Fund	US\$338,700

3.10 Funds Disbursement from the Multilateral Fund to UNEP

2002 (First ExCom of 2002)	60%
2003 (First ExCom of 2003)	40%

3.6 Monitoring arrangements

SPREP, UNEP, and Bilateral Partners will closely monitor the project to ensure that it satisfies the proposed performance indicators.

The Regional Strategy will be implemented through a system of:

- 1) Policy-based actions by the individual Governments
- 2) A locally-managed action plan to phase down imports and implement specific individual phase out activities
- 3) Performance based contracts with SPREP to carry out specified tasks including contracts with national governments to implement NCAPs and provision of refrigeration technician training and Customs officers training.
- 4) Performance based contracts between SPREP and technical consultants and training institutions to carry out specified training of refrigeration technicians and Customs Officers.
- 5) Monitoring through a system of performance based indicators; and
- 6) Measures to ensure compliance with main objectives of the Regional Strategy.

The key approach to implementation and monitoring for the eight core-countries will be through performance-based contracts and performance-based indicators covering policy actions, and management.

The Regional Strategy will be managed locally with UNEP providing overall co-ordination and SPREP and the NCCs working together to develop and implement a series of compliance activities. A detailed description of the responsibilities allocated between SPREP and NCC is given in each NCAP in Annex 5.

The national level funding will be allocated to each country through individual contracts with SPREP. Each country will be accountable directly to SPREP for their national expenditure. In turn SPREP will be accountable to UNEP for the overall costs of assistance to NCCs.

100% of the funds for the national assistance will be disbursed to SPREP. The PICs and SPREP will then agree on individual action programmes for disbursing these funds in each country. Each contract with the national Government will give the performance targets and indicators to be achieved and reported. Because most of the costs for the PICs will fall in the first 12 – 18 months of the project, funds will be disbursed to national governments in three instalments of 60%, 30% and 10% of national budgets (as set out in Table 3.1 and 3.2 of the strategy). Payments of the second and third instalment will be made upon achievement of the performance targets given in Table 3. 9 below, but are intended to fall approximately in the middle of the project and at its completion.

Table 3.11 Proposed disbursement of funds from UNEP to PIC Governments and performance indicators.

Instalment	Expected timing	Percentage of total National funds	Performance indicator
First	Second quarter of 2002	60%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon signing of contract with SPREP
Second	Fourth quarter of 2003	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of national regulations to stage of submission to Cabinet (or equivalent body). • Conducting one or both of refrigeration technicians training and Customs officers training. • Submission of all relevant data to Ozone Secretariat and Multilateral Fund. • Submission of financial reports to SPREP on expenditure of first instalment
Third	Fourth quarter of 2004/first quarter of 2005	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of national regulations • Conducting both refrigeration technicians training and Customs officers training. • Submission of all relevant data to Ozone Secretariat and Multilateral Fund. • Submission of financial reports to SPREP on expenditure of first instalment

CFC imports and consumption will be zero by the end of 2005 (or earlier) as proposed in the Regional Strategy and in the individual NCAPs. Consumption of ODS in the region will be monitored through receiving the data provided by the national Governments which will then be collated by SPREP. Collection of national data will be the responsibility of the individual NCCs, but the SPREP APO will be responsible for ensuring data is submitted to the Multilateral Fund and Ozone Secretariat by due dates. SPREP will ensure the timely submission of annual reports on ODS consumption for the nine countries involved in the Regional Strategy (FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, PNG, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu), as per article 7 of the Montreal Protocol. The APO will also assist with follow up with the remaining countries to ensure correct data is submitted on time.

UNEP will provide oversight for the Regional Strategy through executing an overall performance-based contract with SPREP. The legal agreement/Action Programs will give SPREP the overall co-ordination and management role at a regional level, and describe the responsibilities and operational role of SPREP (and other local entities, including bilateral donors, as may be required) to implement the Regional Strategy. The proposed tasks of SPREP are set out in section 3.3.4 of the Regional Strategy.

Disbursements will be tied to achieving performance indicators.

Table 3.12 Disbursement of funds from UNEP to SPREP for regional activities

Instalment	Expected timing	Percentage of total regional funds	Performance indicator
First	Second quarter	60%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon signing of contract with UNEP

	of 2002		
Second	Fourth quarter of 2003	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing of contracts with training providers for refrigeration technicians training and Customs officers training. • Conducting at least four refrigeration technicians training and four Customs officers training sessions . • Submission of all relevant data to Ozone Secretariat and Multilateral Fund. • Submission of financial reports to SPREP on expenditure of first instalment • Development and distribution of model regulations • Organisation of workshop to discuss draft regulations • Organisation of at least one thematic meeting on a topic to be agreed with UNEP for all fourteen countries in region (with assistance from bilateral donors as necessary)
Third	Fourth quarter of 2004/first quarter of 2005	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of national regulations in all countries, with assistance from SPREP • Conducting refrigeration technicians training and Customs officers training in all nine countries. • Submission of all relevant data to Ozone Secretariat and Multilateral Fund. • Submission of financial reports to SPREP on expenditure of second instalment • Organisation of at least two further thematic meeting on topics to be agreed with UNEP for all fourteen countries in region (with assistance from bilateral donors as necessary)

SPREP will be responsible for submission of annual reports on progress of implementation of Regional Strategy by SPREP and submission of reporting under the individual NCAPs by the individual NCCs, as per decision of the 10th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund. The report is to be submitted to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat.

UNEP will monitor overall implementation of the Regional Strategy, primarily through performance indicators in annual progress reports to be submitted by SPREP and NCC.

The final instalment will not be approved until SPREP can confirm:

CFC consumption is zero; the eight core countries are in full compliance with the Regional Strategy; and any audit reports that are due have been submitted.

The agreement between SPREP and UNEP will clearly designate the responsibilities of SPREP and those actions to be delegated to NCC (or any other entity).

Performance based contracts, using agreed performance indicators, will be the key management and operational tools for measuring progress, monitoring, disbursements, determining any corrective actions, and reporting between SPREP/NCC, UNEP and EXCOM.

Annex 1

Declaration by the Pacific Island Countries attending the 13th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

We, the Governments of Fiji, Kiribati, Niue, Papua New Guinea and Samoa, are conscious of the serious threat that ozone-depleting substances present to the environment and to the global population.

We note the valuable progress that has been achieved in addressing ozone-depletion by Parties to the Montreal Protocol regarding substances that deplete the ozone layers.

Pacific Island Countries are among the smallest consumers of ozone depleting substances in the world. These are used in areas that are critical to our economic development which includes fishing, tourism and food storage.

We declare our intention to continue working towards the fulfilment of the goals of the Convention and the Protocol at the national, regional and global level.

We acknowledge the initial assistance provided by the Multilateral Fund, the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand through the United Nations Environment Programme Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (UNEP-DTIE) and South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) for the preparation of national compliance action plans (NCAPs).

In this context, we recognise that regional co-operation has been identified as an effective means to complement national programmes in implementing environmental programmes in Pacific Island Countries. Regarding our intention to continue working for its successful fulfilment at the global as well as regional scale, we undertake to work together in the context of a regional strategy for the Pacific region that all Pacific Island Countries shall:

- (a) ratify the Montreal Protocol and its amendments where applicable;
- (b) urgently adopt import and export controls of ozone-depleting substances, particularly for the use of licensing systems and appropriate legislation;
- (c) take all the necessary measures to comply with the plans to reduce and eliminate the consumption and production of ozone-depleting substances;
- (d) ensure effective fulfilment of Article 7 regarding the need to report on the consumption of ozone-depleting substances;
- (e) commit the accelerated phase-out of CFCs, preferably to year 2005.

We request the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund to financially support the Pacific Island Countries, taking into account their specific needs to implement national programmes and regional co-operation mechanism to enable them to comply with the Montreal Protocol.

We urge all parties to take account of the unique circumstances of the Pacific Island Countries when they consider the levels of replenishment for the Multilateral Fund during the triennium 2003 to 2005. (UNEP/OzL.Pro.13/10)

Annex 2

Customs training for Pacific Island Countries (PICs)

The main objective of this training programme is to provide the customs, trade and standards officers in nine Pacific Island Countries (PICs) (Kiribati, FSM, Marshall Islands, Palau, PNG, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu) with the skills necessary to monitor and control the imports of CFCs and other ODS products / equipment. The detection and prevention of illegal trade is part of this effort. This will be achieved by:

- I. Increasing awareness of ozone depletion issues.
- II. Familiarising customs and enforcement officers with the different types of ODS being used in the sector and for which applications they are used.
- III. Familiarising customs and enforcement officers with the provisions and phase-out schedules of the Montreal Protocol and its amendments.
- IV. Providing officers with an understanding of the national RMP.
- V. Providing an overview on the newly established licensing system for ODS and its implications for customs officers and other stakeholder agencies.
- VI. Presenting the revised customs codes which allow for the identification of ODS and ODS products / equipment.
- VII. Refining and optimising the establishment of the operational details of the monitoring and control system for ODS.
- VIII. Providing an overview of customs regulations and monitoring and control systems for ODS in other countries in the region.
- IX. Training officers of the customs and other relevant agencies on the use of identification equipment for refrigerants.
- X. Designing the concept, agenda, strategy and the time schedule for the training of the remaining customs officers in the country.

1. Expected results

The immediate result will be the availability of trained customs trainers and key stakeholders and the development of a training approach and recommendation for the subsequent Phase II training of customs and enforcement officers in the nine countries.

A Montreal Protocol related training module will be included in the ongoing training programmes for new customs officers and will also be integrated in the refresher courses for experienced officers. Thus the sustainability of the training programme will be ensured.

The long-term result is to enhance awareness of ozone depletion issues among customs authorities and other relevant stakeholders as well as the achievements of the objectives as stated in Section 2.

In addition, synergies for the enforcement of other relevant international environmental agreements such as the Basel Convention, CITES, Rotterdam Convention and the Kyoto Protocol will be created. The success of most international environmental agreements will depend on the continued support of the world's customs authorities and other key stakeholders.

2. Participants

The train-the-trainers workshop is designed for approximately 20 participants. The actual number of participants will vary, depending on the number of Customs officers in the individual countries, and on the number of ports. Participants will also include the main stakeholders involved in the implementation and enforcement of the licensing system who will partly function as local resource persons. These key stakeholders should be drawn from the following participant groups and organisations:

- Customs trainers from the training unit
- Customs officers from various ports of entry and customs sections (computer and data processing unit, document processing unit, administration unit, enforcement officers)
- Enforcement officers from police, coast guard, military
- Ozone officer of the NOU
- Local legal consultant who prepared the “Country Handbook”
- Local refrigeration expert to support practical session
- Private sector representatives including importers, customs brokers, wholesalers
- Bureau of Standards
- Bureau of Statistics
- Pesticides board
- Ministry responsible for agriculture and pesticides
- Government laboratory responsible for chemical analysis
- Ministry responsible for trade and industry issues
- Ministry responsible for financial issues and import duties
- Ministry responsible for environmental protection
- Environmental protection agency
- Ministry responsible for legal affairs and prosecution
- Industry and trade associations
- National committee on climate change and ozone
- Non-governmental organizations
- National training institutes and academies
- National institutes of science and research
- Media and general public (during opening, closing and awareness sessions)
- Any other agencies whose input and involvement will be necessary for the implementation of the licensing system.

3. Methodology

Phase I: Train-the-trainers workshop for customs and other enforcement officers

The train-the-trainers workshop for customs and other enforcement officers in each of the PICs

The design of the programme requires that an ODS import/export licensing system and related ODS regulations are in place before the train-the-trainers workshop starts. The establishment of such licensing system was made mandatory by Decision IX/8 of the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

The preparation of the workshop requires the development of the nine countries Handbook on ODS Legislation and Import / Export Licensing System" by the National Compliance Centre officer and a local

legal consultant. The Country Handbook complements the UNEP training manual "Customs Officer Training on Substances Depleting the Ozone Layer" by providing country-specific information and data.

The project preparation follows a participatory approach and will involve a number of local resource persons. Some case studies on smuggling schemes will be presented to test participants' knowledge of what they had learned throughout the workshop and four small working groups will be created during the break-out session in order to discuss specific topics. Each group will prepare a reports with their findings and recommendations.

During group discussions, the participants will plan Phase II and III of the training programme and prepare detailed recommendations, a tentative concept note, agenda and implementation schedule.

A practical hands-on session is included in the programme to identify different types of refrigerants using the pressure-temperature method, leak detector and digital refrigerant identifier. Product and packaging labels will be checked. Refrigerant identifiers, leak-detectors as well as ODS, examples of ODS packaging and ODS products / equipment will be available for demonstration purposes.

Wrap-up sessions will be held at the end of every day and the participants will conduct a workshop evaluation and agree a final set of recommendations.

Each participant will receive a "Certificate of Participation" from the Government of the country and become registered at the end of the workshop.

The workshop report will be disseminated to all participants and members of the contact group on customs training. It will also be placed on UNEP's homepage at: <http://www.uneptie.org/ozonaction.html>.

Phase II: Subsequent training of the remaining customs and enforcement officers in the country

The remaining customs and enforcement officers in the country will be trained by the trained customs trainers who have participated in the Phase I training. Phase II of the training programme will take into account the recommendations from the train-the-trainers workshops and be based on the "UNEP Customs Training Manual".

A certain number of experienced customs officers may receive training on ozone-related issues as part of the continuous customs re-training programme.

The customs department will be expected to incorporate a Montreal Protocol training module on control and monitoring of ODS in its curriculum to ensure that future customs officers are trained on this aspect. This will be done within the ongoing training activities of the customs department.

The NOU, the customs department and the local legal consultant will be responsible for the implementation of Phase II training .

Phase III: Monitoring & evaluation

The NOU will co-ordinate, monitor and follow-up on the Phase I and II training and report progress in project implementation to SPREP.

After completion of Phase II of the training programme, the NOU will evaluate the results of the training programme and prepare a follow-up & evaluation report. This report will be submitted to SPREP.

4. Content and structure of the train-the-trainers workshop

The training materials and the workshop agenda are designed to ensure that the objectives set out for the training programme are achieved (see Section 2).

The workshop agenda includes the following sessions:

- Session 1: Ozone layer depletion
- Session 2: International response
- Session 3: National obligations and response
- Session 4: National import / export licensing system
- Session 5: Checking papers, forms and permits
- Session 6: Related international conventions
- Session 7: Global & regional context
- Session 8: Role of customs officers and other key stakeholders
- Session 9: Illegal trade with ODS and ODS-containing equipment and goods
- Session 10: Identification of ODS and ODS-containing equipment
- Session 11: Practical exercises on identification of ODS
- Session 12: Safe handling, transport and storage of ODS
- Session 13: Breakout Session on effective operation of ODS import / export licensing system and enforcement of ODS regulations
- Session 14: Action planning for Phase II and III of the customs training
- Session 15: Workshop evaluation.

Time will also be allocated for discussions among the participants and the presenters on the further implementation of the RMP and the implementation of Phase II and III of the training programme.

Each day a discussion session will be held to draw conclusions and make recommendations for adoption during the last day of the workshop.

5. Follow-up

This training programme is part of the Pacific Regional Strategy to implement the Montreal Protocol and is also included in each country's individual National Compliance Action Plan (NCAP). As such it will be accompanied by other training and policy related activities as defined in the RMP.

The NCC in each country will establish a monitoring mechanism to ensure that the objectives of the training programme are met and will produce a follow-up report on the status of implementation of the training programme.

The NCC will consider and, as far as possible, implement the workshop recommendations as adopted by the workshop participants. The recommendations should also be communicated to the relevant decision-makers and politicians.

Annex 3

Training of Trainers/Technicians in Good Practices of Refrigeration

PROJECT PROPOSAL

<i>Countries</i>	FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, PNG, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu
<i>Project Title</i>	Training of Trainers/Technicians in Good Practices of Refrigeration
<i>Sectors Covered</i>	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Industry
<i>Project Impact</i>	To improve the skills of refrigeration technicians in recovery and retrofitting.
<i>Project Duration</i>	Two years
<i>Implementing Agency</i>	UNEP
<i>Project Cost</i>	US\$208,000

1. Background:

Most PIC technicians have so far acquired some training in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning sector. However, the skill level of these technicians varies widely both within countries and between countries. Some have formal qualification but most have gained their knowledge through on-the-job training (informal qualifications).

Larger service organisations have competent well-trained technicians. Their knowledge has been gained through either formal qualifications or informal qualifications. Smaller service organisations generally have less qualified technicians and it is in this area where training is required.

As outlined on page 20 of the Regional Strategy, PNG will participate only in the training of the trainers activity. The details for any additional technician training required in PNG will be developed after a complete understanding of the specific needs of the local technicians in PNG.

2. Project Objectives:

The purpose of this training is to facilitate refrigeration technicians with the appropriate skills required in the process of recovery and retrofitting of ODS based systems.

Where required under the country's NCAP, those who will complete the course competently will also be awarded with a "Certificate of Accreditation" to buy from companies who sell refrigerants.

3. Expected Outcome:

The training course will be directed to ensure that:

- Strategies and practices are implemented to minimise emissions of ODS, including storage, handling, reclaiming and decanting;
- Competent demonstration of ODS recovery and retrofitting using appropriate equipment and appropriate alternative refrigerants.

4. Target Audience:

The course is intended for technicians in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Sector especially those technicians without formal qualifications to enable their accreditation. In the case of PNG, which has a much larger number of service technicians than the other PICs, the target group for the training course held under the regional strategy will only be the trainers of refrigeration technicians. These will be from the local refrigeration training institute, large service workshops etc.

5. Project Activity:

The objectives will be achieved by providing a practical hands-on course that demonstrate techniques on how to recover and retrofit ODS based systems without unnecessary loss of ODS into the atmosphere. Trainees will also be required to perform practical work in a competent manner to reveal the absorption of the skills discussed in the training.

6. Time Frame:

The course will be five working days long, and will be held at a time suitable to the country. The tutor will stay in the country for up to ten days to provide any additional assistance needed to set up the course and to provide any additional training needed for any technical tutors at the national training centre. The training will be carried out over the second half of 2002 and 2003.

7. Venue:

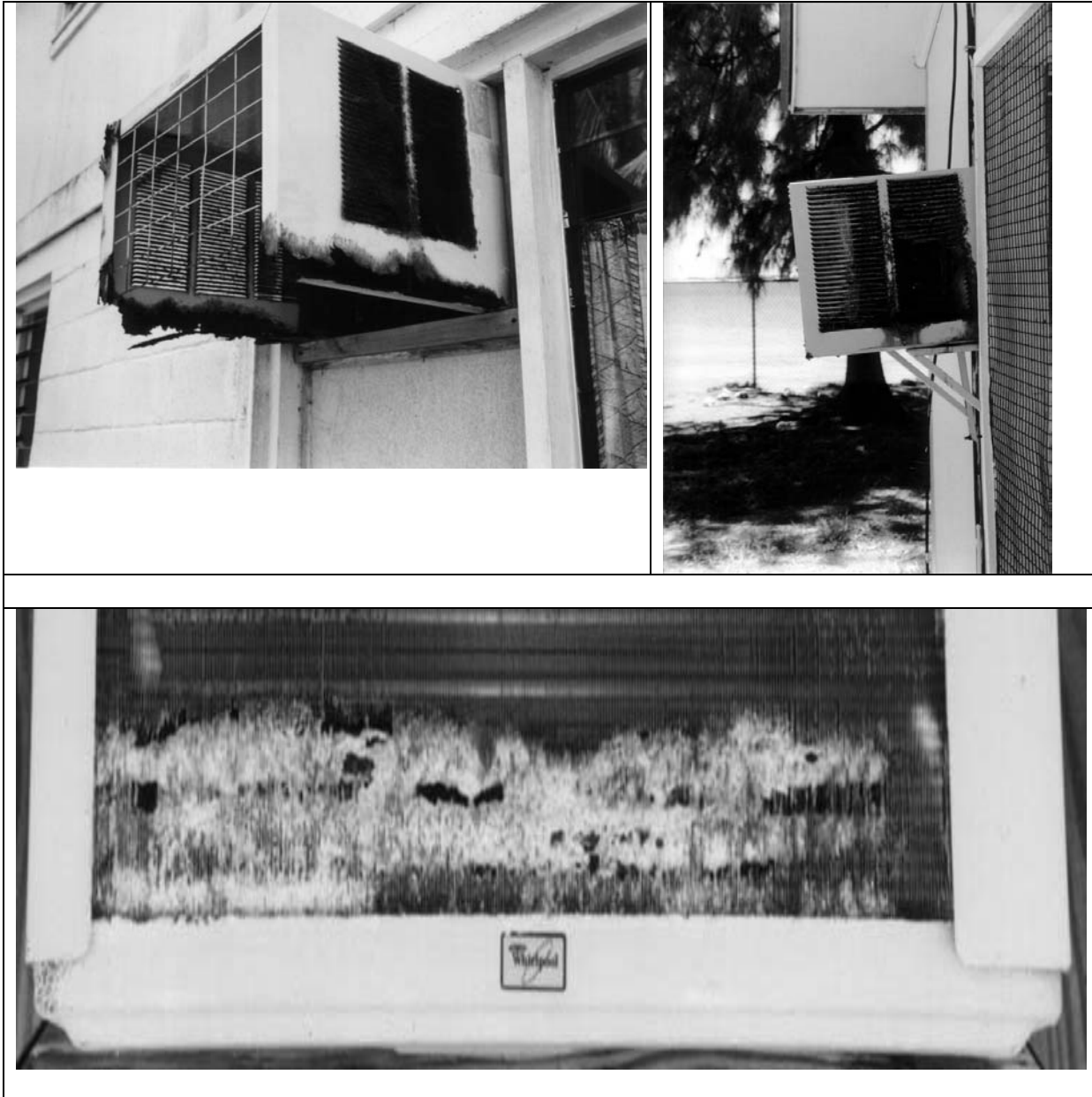
Most PICs have a technical training facility in the country that will serve as a suitable venue for the training. Where a technical training facility is not available consideration will be given to holding the course at the Fiji Institute of Technology, which carried out training for Fiji, or it will be carried out at the largest commercial refrigeration workshop in the country. This will be discussed directly with each country, depending on the cost effectiveness.

8. Budget:

	Costs of Training	Recommended number of recovery and recycling machines	Cost of machine (including transport) at US\$4,000 per machine	Total cost for Refrigeration sector training
FSM	\$10,000	4	\$16,000	\$26,000
Kiribati	\$10,000	2	\$8,000	\$18,000
Palau	\$10,000	4	\$16,000	\$26,000
Marshall Islands	\$10,000	5	\$20,000	\$30,000
Solomon Islands	\$10,000	6	\$24,000	\$34,000
Tonga	\$10,000	5	\$20,000	\$30,000
Tuvalu	\$10,000	2	\$8,000	\$18,000
Vanuatu	\$10,000	4	\$16,000	\$26,000
Total	\$80,000		\$128,000	\$208,000

Annex 4

Corrosion in exterior air-conditioning equipment in Pacific Island Countries (PICs)



Annex 5

Copies NCAPs and letters of approval by National Governments

Six of the eight PICs have produced National Compliance Action Plans (NCAP) and these have been officially endorsed by their Governments. Copies of the documents and letters of support are attached to this annex. The remaining two countries: Vanuatu and FSM are still developing their NCAPs.

Status of NCAPs as at 20 January 2001

Country	Party/Non Party	Status of NCAP
Cook Is	Non-Party	Will be prepared once ratification complete
Fiji	Party	Not required
FSM	Party	Pending approval of current draft
Kiribati	Party	Approved
Marshall Islands	Party	Approved
Nauru	Party	No data
Niue	Non-Party	Will be prepared once ratification complete.
Palau	Party	Approved
PNG	Party	Will be developed in co-operation with GTZ in 2002/2003. PNG will submit letter of support.
Samoa	Party	Not required.
Solomon Islands	Party	Approved by SI Government– requires revisions.
Tonga	Party	Approved
Tuvalu	Party	Approved
Vanuatu		Pending approval of current draft

Situation of FSM and Vanuatu

At the time of submission of this Regional Strategy to the Executive Committee, final versions of the NCAPs had not been received from the Governments of FSM or Vanuatu. These are still expected to be developed. Funds have been requested under the RS for these two countries based on working drafts, but the funds will not be disbursed until the NCAPs have been approved by the ExCom.

Situation of the Solomon Islands

There has been intermittent civil unrest in the Solomon Islands since mid 1999 and an armed coup took place in May 2000. As a result of the unrest, much of the infrastructure has been shut down and the phone service has been out of action for long periods. New elections were held in the country in November 2001 and a new Government was formed in mid-December 2001. There is now hope that the unrest will cease and civil society will again be able to continue.

Despite the difficult situation, the Government did prepare its own strategy in early 2001 using funds from the Multilateral Fund through an MOU with UNEP. This strategy was approved by the interim Government in July 2001. It was submitted to UNEP in August.

Because of the above mentioned communication difficulties, it has not been possible to update the information in their strategy, or to confirm some of the elements in it, including its consumption data for 2000 although consumption of CFCs in 2000 was reported as zero.

Since the December 2001 elections, communications with the country have improved and in January 2002 UNEP received advice from the Solomon Islands Government that the Government wished to continue to implement their NCAP now that the political situation has stabilised. Given time constraints it was not possible to update their strategy or reformat it to match the other NCAPs being submitted before its submission. Rather than delay the submission of their request for assistance the strategy is included here, as approved by their Government and as submitted to UNEP.

Funds for the Solomon Islands are only being requested on the same basis as all other countries in the RS. The Government will work with UNEP to update their strategy to include data for 2000 and will re-submit it to the ExCom before any funds are disbursed.

Situation of PNG

Papua New Guinea (PNG) proposes to take part in certain aspects of the Regional Strategy, but has not prepared an NCAP.

PNG's consumption is far larger than any other country in the region (See section 2.1.1 in the main report) and it has need of more specific and possibly more detailed activities than other countries. Accordingly, PNG has requested assistance from GTZ to help with preparation of a further national strategy document, which will contain specific proposals for national level activities. A separate document will be submitted to the ExCom containing these proposals. This will include any additional requests for funds that are necessary to ensure phase-out of CFCs in PNG.

The Government of PNG, UNEP, SPREP and GTZ will work together to ensure the maximum effectiveness for PNG and to make sure there are no overlaps in funding or assistance. The strategy identifies which of the regional activities that PNG will take part in. While PNG has indicated its willingness to work towards the regional phase-out target of 2005, it will not commit itself to a target until its own strategy is developed.

Situation of Nauru

The Government of Nauru ratified the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol in November 2001. Despite repeated efforts by a range of agencies over several years, the Government of Nauru has not responded to attempts to contact it on Montreal Protocol issues or to offers of assistance to phase-out ODS. Where funds are available under the Regional Strategy, Nauru will be invited to take part in regional activities, such as workshops and training meetings. However, because there is no data for ODS consumption in Nauru, no funds have been allocated for any national level activities such as customs training or technicians training.

If the Government of Nauru requests assistance with activities, a separate request for assistance will be submitted. It is likely that this request will be a bilateral programme with one of the developed countries in the region.

Situation of the Cook Islands and Niue

The Cooks Islands and Niue both remain non-Parties at the time of preparing this Strategy and no funds have been allocated for working with them. These countries are actively working to ratify the Montreal Protocol. However, there have been unexpected difficulties with their ratification procedure. The New Zealand Government is working with the UN Treaty Office to resolve these difficulties and expects both

countries to be able to ratify shortly. Until such time as they are able to ratify the New Zealand Government has indicated it will consider any requests for assistance from its traditional aid budget for activities that will either assist with their ratification or with their future compliance. Once the countries are Parties, the New Zealand Government has expressed strong interest in providing assistance for them to be part of the Pacific Regional Strategy. This assistance will be provided as a bilateral contribution under the Multilateral Fund and a separate project plan will be submitted to the Multilateral Fund.

Situation of Fiji and Samoa

The Governments of Fiji and Samoa will continue to implement their own approved strategies without additional assistance. They will take part in elements of the Regional Strategy and funding has been requested to cover these costs. In particular they wish to share their experiences of implementing the Montreal Protocol with others in the region.