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STATUS REPORT ON THE EVALUATION OF AEROSOL PROJECTS

1. In accordance with the Monitoring and Evaluation Work Programme 2001, an evaluation of selected aerosol projects was organized. A consultant and the Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer visited 32 completed and 5 on-going projects as well as several project candidates in Asia, the Middle East and Africa during the first half of 2002. The projects visited represent 41% of 78 Aerosol projects completed until the end of 2001, and 34% of 108 Aerosol projects approved until March 2002. They constitute a good sample in terms of coverage by region, implementing agency, size, year of approval, sub-sector and technology choice.

2. Most completed Aerosol projects evaluated were in Asia (16), followed by Africa (10) and the Middle East (6) (see Table 1 below). Latin America and Europe have very few completed aerosol projects (one each in Ecuador, Croatia, Romania and Turkey) which were not visited in order to limit the travel expenses. The evaluation covered projects implemented by three Implementing Agencies, approximately according to their share in the total number of completed projects (UNDP 12 projects, that means 48% of aerosol projects completed by UNDP, UNIDO 12 projects or 38%, and World Bank 8 projects or 40%). The on-going projects and project candidates were visited to complete the information about the phase-out in the respective countries and to learn about the technology or project modality employed.

Table 1: Completed Aerosol Projects evaluated by country and region

Number of Projects	Asia	Africa	Middle East
China	2	Algeria 8	Jordan 4
India	11	Cote d'Ivoire 2	Lebanon 2
Vietnam	3		
Projects Evaluated 32	16	10	6

3. The governments of all countries visited had been informed beforehand, and their concurrence had been obtained. The evaluation missions were very well received and supported by the Ozone Offices in the countries visited. The Ozone Officers prepared the visits to the companies and accompanied the evaluation team. Information requested on companies and national policies, including experiences gained during project implementation, were readily provided. In most visits, representatives of the companies were cooperative and accessible, although sometimes not prepared to provide exact figures on previous years performance and cost.

4. The Implementing Agencies were supportive as well. UNIDO sent a Project Officer to accompany the evaluation mission on visits to companies in Lebanon, Algeria and Ivory Coast. The UNDP Project Officer accompanied the mission during some project visits in India. Staff of the World Bank's financial intermediaries met the missions when required and accompanied them on some company visits. The main aerosol consultant for the World Bank and UNDP participated in visits in India and Jordan. Another consultant for UNDP joined the mission in Vietnam.

5. The Implementing Agencies submitted project completion reports (PCRs) for all but six projects, some of them shortly before the visits. The PCRs were useful in terms of preparing and structuring the discussions in the enterprises, in spite of the fact that they often lacked important

information. In some cases they were misleading by suppressing problems and providing wrong data, which is subject to on-going discussion with the relevant agency.

6. The next steps are the following:

- (a) Preparation by the consultant of evaluation reports on each project and country visited; the country reports analyze the aerosol sectors of the countries in terms of past achievements and remaining tasks for ODS phase out.
- (b) Preparation of the synthesis report by the consultant in cooperation with the Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer.
- (c) Sending draft/country evaluation reports (CER) and draft project evaluation reports (PER) to the countries and Implementing Agencies concerned for comments.
- (d) Integrate the comments received into the final versions and into the draft synthesis report; the final versions of the CER's and PER's will be available as hard copies and will be placed before the 38th Meeting of the Executive Committee on the Secretariat's web site, in the section "Executive Committee", evaluation reports.
- (e) Sending the draft synthesis report to the Implementing Agencies concerned for comments.
- (f) Preparing the final version of the synthesis report and present it to the 38th Meeting of the Executive Committee.
