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SELECTION OF OPTIONS PURSUANT TO DECISION 35/57

Introduction

1. The Executive Committee was informed at its 36th Meeting that the Secretariat had requested 93 of the 99 Article 5 countries listed in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/35/61 and Corr.1 to choose an option for a starting point to determine the remaining national aggregate CFC consumption which would be eligible for funding, and that the other 6 countries (Bahamas, China, Malaysia, Mexico, Thailand and Turkey) are parties to agreements with the Executive Committee determining their remaining consumption.

2. To date, 61 countries have responded to the Secretariat's first request and subsequent reminders.

3. The responses received are summarized below.

Countries with confirmed starting point

4. Annex I presents the 44 countries that confirmed their starting point based on their choice of one of the two options. The total remaining CFC consumption of these countries as at the 35th Meeting amounts to 15,249.1 ODP tonnes. This annex includes the six countries referred to in paragraph 1 above; however, their remaining consumption is not included in the above-mentioned sum.

Countries with unconfirmed starting point

5. A total of seven countries have indicated to the Secretariat a preferred option for the determination of their starting points. These countries are listed in Annex II along with their choice of options, as well as a summary of their exchanges with the Secretariat.

6. Four (Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, India) of the seven countries requested details of the data used to calculate the options, especially data on approved but not implemented projects. India requested that its starting point calculated under option 2 in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/35/61/Corr.1 should be revised upward. Two countries (Fiji and Samoa) have provisionally selected their starting points. One country (Syria) in selecting the starting point intimated the possibility of adjusting it pending the completion of a survey for the preparation of its national phase-out plan.

7. India informed the Secretariat, directly and through UNDP and the World Bank, that three of its projects were completed as of 31 December 2000 and therefore should not have been included in the calculation of option 2. The projects, which belonged to the foam, refrigeration and aerosol sectors, were approved for the phase-out of 290, 351.7 and 125 ODP tonnes, respectively. The Secretariat relied on the information provided in the 2000 progress reports of the implementing agencies for determining whether an approved project was completed or was still ongoing.

- According to the progress report submitted by UNDP as of 31 December 2000, 145 of the 290 ODP tonnes from the foam project were reported as phased out. This amount was, therefore, not included in the calculation by the Secretariat of option 2.

It is to be noted that in its progress report submitted to the 37th Meeting (as of 31 December 2001), UNDP indicated that this foam project was completed, and that it had experienced some delays due to the appearance of technical problems early on, which were solved by suppliers by March of 2001. Experts confirmed the completion of the project in November of 2001.

- As for the refrigeration project, the World Bank reported its status as ongoing, as of 31 December 2000, indicating that “the foaming machine was delivered and was being commissioned and the suppliers for the refrigerant component had been identified and purchased orders placed”. As a result, the consumption of the project -which was established at project approval at 351.7 ODP/tonnes- was included as “CFC approved by not implemented” in the calculation by the Secretariat of option 2. In its 2001 progress report submitted to the 37th Meeting (as of 31 December 2001), the World Bank indicated that the project was ongoing. The report does not however list any ODP phased out.
- Regarding the aerosol project, UNDP indicated in its 2000 progress report that the workshop for the aerosol technical assistance project was completed, despite the fact that there was no phase-out recorded. This amount was therefore deducted from India’s remaining funding eligibility. It is to be noted that UNDP listed in its 2001 progress report that the aerosol technical assistance project as ongoing, with a planned completion date of December 2002, despite the fact that all of the tonnage was reported as phased-out. It should be noted that through 2001, UNDP disbursed US \$50,236 of a total of US \$155,000 for this project’s budget.
- India has requested that its starting point should be revised from 2,172.2 ODP tonnes to 2,891.2 ODP tonnes. It should be noted however that this revised consumption includes 145 ODP tonnes from the foam project and 47.7 ODP tonnes from the refrigeration project which is not admissible.

Countries with pending starting points

8. Annex III lists ten countries which have responded to the Secretariat seeking more information on how the options were calculated or claiming changes in either their baseline or latest consumption data. The annex also provides a summary of the requests from the countries and the Secretariat’s responses, as pertinent.

Additional countries with calculated starting point

9. The Secretariat also wishes to inform the Executive Committee of the addition of another five countries to the list of the 99 countries which were covered in the analysis on the starting points in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/35/61 and Corr.1. These countries have only recently reported complete data pursuant to Article 7. The Secretariat applied the same methodology and data, as it had done with the earlier analysis. The Secretariat has written to the five countries in order to inform them of Decision 35/57 and requested a final decision on the

options. Details of the five countries are presented in Annex IV. The D.R. Congo has already decided in option 2 and is therefore included in Annex I.

Action expected from the Executive Committee

10. The Executive Committee may wish to:
 - (a) Take note, with appreciation of the countries in Annex I which have confirmed their starting points;
 - (b) Consider the admissibility of the request by India in Annex II for change of its starting point data under option 2;
 - (c) Consider the appropriate course of action for those countries in Annex II which have not confirmed their final selection of the options, and the countries in Annex III which have not made their selection to date; and
 - (d) Take note of the five additional countries in Annex IV.

Annex I

COUNTRIES WITH CONFIRMED STARTING POINTS

- Total number of countries: 50
- No. of countries which selected option 1: 30
- No. of countries which selected option 2: 14
- No. of countries whose starting point is determined by a country-specific decision: 6

Country	Option 1	Option 2	Starting Point (ODP tonnes)	Comments
Antigua & Barbuda	X		9.7	
Bahamas				Total CFC phase out funded as per Decision 35/52
Bangladesh		X	664.4	
Benin		X	27.3	
Bolivia	X		56.9	
Botswana	X		5.3	
Brunei Darussalam	X		78.2	
Cameroon		X	111.5	
Chile	X		828.7	
China				As per Decision 35/48, remaining fundable consumption is 4,745 ODP tonnes less phase-out of 670.5 ODP tonnes funded at the 35 th and 36 th Meetings
Colombia	X		1,456.9	
Comoros	X		2.5	
Congo		X	-7.8	
Congo DR		X	386.6	
Côte d'Ivoire	X		182.6	
Croatia	X		168.7	
Cuba	X		585.7	
Ecuador	X		225.3	
Egypt		X	785	
El Salvador	X		247.9	
Gabon		X	1.5	
Gambia		X	6.1	

Country	Option 1	Option 2	Starting Point (ODP tonnes)	Comments
Ghana		X	31.3	
Georgia		X	17.8	
Honduras	X		317.4	
Indonesia		X	2,506.6	
Iran		X	2,511.5	
Jamaica		X	59.8	
Macedonia	X		97.2	
Madagascar	X		35.9	
Malaysia				Total CFC phase out funded as per Decision 35/53
Mali	X		82.3	
Mexico				Remaining fundable consumption as per Decision 35/47
Moldova	X		51.4	
Mongolia	X		10.6	
Myanmar	X		54.3	
Namibia	X		16.5	
Paraguay	X		59.3	
Senegal	X		114.7	
Seychelles	X		2.8	
Sri Lanka	X		348.1	
Sudan	X		359.2	
Swaziland	X		20.6	
Thailand				Total CFC phase out funded as per Decision 35/54
Togo	X		39.8	
Trinidad and Tobago	X		73.5	
Turkey				Total CFC phase out funded as per Decision 35/55
Uruguay	X		137.5	
Venezuela		X	2,235.9	
Vietnam	X		242.1	
Total	30	14	15,249.1	

Annex II**COUNTRIES WITH UNCONFIRMED STARTING POINTS**

- Total number of countries: 7
- No. of countries which selected option 1: 3
- No. of countries which selected option 2: 4

Country	Option 1	Option 2	Starting Point (ODP tonnes)	Summary of query from country	Response from Secretariat
Argentina	X		2,564.3	Details of data used to determine starting point, especially data on consumption approved but not implemented.	Source of data used for determining starting point was provided twice.
Brazil		X	6,228.9	Details of data used to determine starting point, especially data on consumption approved but not implemented.	Source of data used for determining starting point was provided.
Costa Rica	X		152.9	Details of data used to determine starting point.	Source of data for determining starting point for option 1 was provided by the Secretariat.
Fiji	X		28.2	Selection is preliminary, to be confirmed.	
India		X	t.b.a.	Request an upward revision of starting point from 2,172.2 ODP tonnes calculated in Document UNEP/OzL/Pro/35/61/Corr.1 to 2,891.2 ODP tonnes from the calculated level. Basis for request is consumption approved but not implemented.	Source of data for the calculation of consumption approved but not implemented was provided. (Please see para. 7 of this document.)
Samoa		X	4.8	Request of general information on procedure to receive Fund assistance.	Information about RMPs for LVCs and institutional strengthening projects was provided by the Secretariat.
Syria		X	485.2	Reserve "the possibility to adjust the starting point" after the completion of a survey in preparation for a national phase-out plan	Suggested that Syria refer to Proviso A in Decision 35/57 and reconsider the condition implied in its selection of options.

Annex III

**COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT SELECTED AN OPTION BUT
HAVE SENT A REPLY OR HAVE SOUGHT INFORMATION**

- Total number of countries: 10

Country	Summary of query from country	Response from Secretariat
Algeria	Claim increase in CFC consumption to nearly 2,000 tonnes due to economic improvement.	-
Burkina Faso	Clarification sought on the two options available to the country.	Several letters were sent to the country, and clarifications were provided at a Regional Network Meeting on the selection of options.
Jordan	Clarification sought on calculation of options for the country	Clarification was provided by the Secretariat.
Lebanon	Claim incomplete coverage in country programme due to the fact that part of the country is currently under occupation. Request postponing selection until country programme update.	-
Malawi	Request for clarification on the calculation of options	Information was provided by the Secretariat.
Morocco	Request for change of baseline data underway.	Explanation was provided on the calculation of the options, and the process for changing Montreal Protocol baseline.
Nicaragua	Request for specifics on the calculation of the two options.	Clarification was provided on Decision 35/57 and Decision 36/7 on exempting LVCs from Proviso D.
Nigeria	Request for clarification on the calculation of options	Information was provided by the Secretariat.
Pakistan	Claim consumption unaccounted for in 2000 data and request postponing selecting after country programme update.	-
Philippines	Decision on option to be made 3rd week of May 2002 after workshop on national CFC phase-out plan.	-

Annex IV

ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES WITH CALCULATED STARTING POINT

First Approach: Montreal Protocol baseline as the Starting Point						
Country	Montreal Protocol Compliance Baseline (ODP tonnes)	CFC approved but not implemented by 31 December 1997 (ODP tonnes)	Montreal Protocol Baseline Adjusted (ODP tonnes)	CFC Approved for Phaseout 1998-2001 (ODP tonnes)	CFC Consumption Unfunded as of July 2001 (ODP tonnes)	% CFC Consumption unfunded (July 01) relative to MP baseline
	(1)	(2)	(3) = (1) - (2)	(4)	(5) = (3) - (4)	
Central African Republic	11.3	0.0	11.3	0.0	11.3	100%
Congo,DR	665.7	0.0	665.7	0.0	665.7	100%
Lybia	716.7	0.0	716.7	220.4	496.3	69%
Maldives	4.6	0.0	4.6	0.0	4.6	100%
Papua New Guinea	36.3	0.0	36.3	0.0	36.3	100%
Total	2005.3	0	2005.3	400.9	1604.4	80%

Second Approach: Very recent consumption as the Starting Point						
Country	Latest consumption (ODP tonnes)	CFC approved but not implemented as of 31 December 1999/2000 (ODP tonnes)	CFC Consumption unfunded as of 31 December 1999/2000 (ODP tonnes)	CFC Approved for Phaseout 2000/2001 (ODP tonnes)	CFC Consumption Unfunded as of July 2001 (ODP tonnes)	% of CFC Unfunded consumption (July '01) relative to latest consumption
	(1)	(2)	(3) = (1) - (2)	(4)	(5) = (3) - (4)	
Central African Republic*	4.3	0.0	4.3	0.0	4.3	100%
Congo,DR*	386.6	0.0	386.6	0.0	386.6	100%
Lybia*	985.4	166.4	819.0	54.0	765.0	78%
Maldives*	4.6	0.0	4.6	0.0	4.6	100%
Papua New Guinea*	47.9	0.0	47.9	0.0	47.9	100%
Total	2888.4	167.6	2720.8	233.3	2487.5	86%

* 2000 consumption
