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Montreal, 17-19 July 2002

WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Background

1. At its 36th Meeting, the Executive Committee considered a paper prepared by the Fund Secretariat on the Implementation of Decision 35/56 (document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/36/32) which provided an indicative timetable for completing the implementation of the Framework for the Strategic Planning of the Multilateral Fund. The document presented to the Executive Committee included, inter alia, a brief description of the work of the Executive Committee, and a delineation of the work undertaken by its Sub-committees individually and by the Executive Committee as a whole body.
2. In the ensuing discussion, there was general agreement that the document signified a major change in the operation of the Executive Committee, and afforded an opportunity to improve the quality and efficiency of the Executive Committee's work, and to adapt that of its Sub-Committees to the new approach. A proposal was also introduced by the Government of France to reduce the number of Executive Committee meetings in a year from three to two. While it was accepted that such a change might reduce costs, the majority of representatives who took the floor thought that the move was premature, given the complexity of the changes in the operation of the Executive Committee currently under discussion.
3. Following the discussion, the Executive Committee requested the Secretariat, inter alia, to prepare a paper for the consideration of the 37th Meeting that would address the issues identified in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/36/32, taking into account the comments and views expressed by members of the Executive Committee at the 36th Meeting, as well as comments to be submitted by the members of the Executive Committee and by the implementing agencies up to a deadline of 19 April 2002 (Decision 36/53).
4. Six members sent comments on this issue following the 36th Meeting. The comments provided the opinions of the members regarding the review of the work of the Executive Committee in the light of resource planning, resource allocation, business planning, the work of the sub-committees, and the frequency of the meetings of the Executive Committee.
5. Pursuant to Decision 36/53, the Fund Secretariat prepared a paper that developed a Compliance Oriented Model to be used for resource planning and subsequent resource allocation and discussed the resource planning and resource allocation during the compliance period (document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/37/66).
6. The paper provided a number of recommendations for the consideration by the Executive Committee regarding resource planning and resource allocation for the 2003-2005 triennium, that, if adopted, will have a direct impact on the work of the Executive Committee.
7. The Executive Committee may wish to consider the relevant changes to its operation as well as that of its sub-committee during the compliance period in the light of its discussion on the paper on the business planning (document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/37/66).
