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BILATERAL COOPERATION

The Fund Secretariat received the following requests for bilateral co-operation:

PROJECT TITLE	BILATERAL AGENCY
Refrigerant management plan update in Ethiopia	France
	France
Terminal CFCs phase-out management plan (first tranche) in Kenya	
Refrigerant management plan update in Mozambique	France
Refrigerant management plan update in Uganda	France
National CFC consumption phase-out plan focussing on the refrigeration service sector	Germany
(second tranche) in India (German component)	
Terminal phase-out management plan for CFCs (first tranche) in Zimbabwe	Germany
Refrigeration servicing sector CFC phase-out plan (first tranche) in China	Japan
National CFC phase-out plan: 2005 annual programme in Philippines	Sweden
National CFC consumption phase-out plan focussing on the refrigeration service sector	Switzerland
(second tranche) in India (Swiss component)	

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Note on the Organization of the Document

1. This document provides an assessment of whether bilateral agencies' requests are eligible in the light of the maximum level of bilateral cooperation available for the year 2004 taking into account Decision 25/13 that allows bilateral agencies to specify the year of contribution for their activities during the triennium.

2. The document also indicates the cross-references to other meeting documents where a discussion of the bilateral request can be found. Cross-referenced documents are addressed in other agenda items. No requests for funding will be addressed in this document.

3. The only issue raised in this document concerns the German bilateral contributions for the 2003-2005 triennium. These contributions would exceed 20 per cent of Germany's allocation for the triennium if Germany's commitment to provide US \$1.4 million for the National CFC Phase-out Plan in Brazil were fulfilled. Germany would also not be able to accommodate some other activities included in its 2004 and 2005 business plans.

4. All bilateral requests are within the 20 per cent allocation of contributions for all bilateral agencies in 2004 except France and Germany. France's request exceeds its 2004 allocation but is within France's 20 per cent allocation for the 2003-2005 triennium. Germany's request plus previous approvals credited to 2005 exceed the 20 per cent allocation; however, the negotiated level of activities recommended for approval at the 44th Meeting is within the 20 per cent allocation of Germany's contributions for 2005.

Introduction

5. A total of 9 requests amounting to US \$5,214,860 (including multi-year agreements) for bilateral co-operation were received by the Secretariat of which US \$3,493,923 is being submitted for approval at the 44th Meeting. This document contains, by bilateral agency, those projects that are before the Executive Committee for its consideration.

6. Table 1 presents a summary of the value and number of requests by bilateral agency.

Table 1

VALUE AND NUMBER OF PROJECTS FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION, BY **BILATERAL AGENCY (Including Agency Fees)**

Bilateral Agency	Total Amount Requested	Amount Requested After Review (US \$)*	Number of Projects
France	1,608,935	1,602,508	4
Germany	2,166,510	429,400	2
Japan	1,107,400	1,130,000	1
Sweden	42,000	42,000	1
Switzerland	290,015	290,015	1
TOTAL	5,214,860	3,493,923	9
As at 1 November 2004			

REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE

Introduction

7. Table 2 presents a summary of France's request for bilateral co-operation. As per Decision 41/27 para. b, US \$1,117,348 was credited against France's bilateral contributions for 2004. This request, plus the US \$1,085,000 approved at the 42^{nd} Meeting, US \$226,000 approved at the 43^{rd} Meeting, and the amount credited against France's 2004 contributions in 2003 exceed 20 percent of France's contribution for 2004 (US \$2,503,738).

Table 2

SUBMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE AND RECOMMENDATION

Project Title	Country	Total Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Requested After Review (US \$)*	Amount Recommended (US\$)
Refrigerant management plan update	Ethiopia	91,300	91,300	(1)
Terminal CFCs phase-out management plan (first tranche)	Kenya	1,159,000	1,159,000	(2)
Refrigerant management plan update	Mozambique	112,000	104,512	(3)
Refrigerant management plan update	Uganda	73,200	75,000	(4)
Agency Fee		173,435	172,696	
TOTAL		1,608,935	1,602,508	

* As at 1 November 2004.

(1) Under UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/37

(2) Under UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/41

(3) Under UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/47

(4) Under UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/60

ETHIOPIA: Refrigerant management plan update (US \$91,300)

8. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/37.

KENYA: Terminal CFCs phase-out management plan (first tranche) (US \$1,159,000)

9. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/41.

MOZAMBIQUE: Refrigerant management plan update (US \$104,512)

10. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/47.

UGANDA: Refrigerant management plan update (US \$75,000)

11. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/60.

REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY

Introduction

12. Table 3 presents a summary of Germany's requests for bilateral co-operation. US 2,784,708 and US 670,454 were approved at the 42^{nd} and 43^{rd} Meetings, respectively. Of this amount US 1,866,181 was credited against 2004 contributions and US 1,588,981 has already been credited against 2005 contributions, after taking into account net adjustments amounting to a total of US 15,339 in line with Decision 39/14 that were not previously accounted for and Decisions 40/9 and 40/24 that were accounted for twice.

Table 3

SUBMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY AND RECOMMENDATION

Project Title	Country	Total Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Requested After Review (US \$)*	Amount Recommended (US\$)
National CFC consumption phase-out plan focussing on	India	100,000	100,000	(1)
the refrigeration service sector (second tranche)				
Terminal phase-out management plan for CFCs (first	Zimbabwe	1,841,000	280,000	(2)
tranche)				
Agency Fee		225,510	49,400	
TOTAL		2,166,510	429,400	

* As at 1 November 2004.

(1) Under UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/39

(2) Under UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/62

13. The amount submitted to this meeting plus the amount assigned to 2005 contributions at the 42^{nd} and 43^{rd} Meetings exceeds Germany's maximum bilateral contributions for the year 2005, but the amount recommended following negotiations is within Germany's allocation for the triennium.

14. If the two German bilateral projects are approved at the amounts recommended, Germany would still have a sufficient balance of resources for the current triennium to accommodate its commitments in multi-year agreements for Lesotho and Mauritius from its 2004 and 2005 business plans and Cuba, India, Iran, and Namibia from its 2005 business plan. Germany would not, however, have sufficient funds to provide US \$1.417 million to Brazil for the 2004 tranche of Brazil's National CFC phase-out plan. Brazil, Germany and UNDP have delayed the annual tranche request until the 45th Meeting to enable a solution to be reached on Germany's resource position.

15. While Germany should be able to accommodate its commitments for multi-year agreements excluding Brail, the following projects remain in Germany's 2004 and 2005 business plans:

Country	Project Title	Amount (US\$)
Algeria	Terminal CFC Phase out Management Plan	200,000
Angola	Halon Bank Management Plan	50,000
Botswana	Refrigeration: RMP update	72,653
Brazil	National CFC phase-out plan	1,417,000
Kuwait	Halon - Project Preparation/Technical	76,953
	Assistance	
Morocco	Halon Bank Management Plan	50,000
Tanzania	Refrigeration - RMP update	149,594

16. Germany indicated that it was seeking other bilateral agencies to accommodate the projects foreseen in its business plan for Botswana and Tanzania. Germany has indicated that it has approached other agencies to accommodate the other activities but it had not identified other agencies at the time of writing.

INDIA: National CFC consumption phase-out plan focussing on the refrigeration service sector (second tranche) (German component) (US \$100,000)

17. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/39.

ZIMBABWE: Terminal phase-out management plan for CFCs (first tranche) (US \$280,000)

18. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/62.

Recommendation

19. The Executive Committee may wish to urge Germany to find alternative sources of funding for the projects that it has remaining in its 2004 and 2005 business plans.

REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

Introduction

20. Table 4 presents a summary of Japan's requests for bilateral co-operation. The value of the requests plus US\$2,780,000 approved at the 42^{nd} Meeting and US \$751,902 approved at the 43^{rd} Meeting does not exceed 20 percent of Japan's contribution for 2004 (US \$6,952,000).

Table 4

SUBMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND RECOMMENDATION

Project Title	Country	Total Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Requested After Review (US \$)*	Amount Recommended (US\$)
Refrigeration servicing sector CFC phase-out plan (first tranche)	China	980,000	1,000,000	(1)
Agency Fee		127,400	130,000	
TOTAL		1,107,400	1,130,000	

* As at 1 November 2004.

(1) Under UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/33

CHINA: Refrigeration servicing sector CFC phase-out plan (first tranche) (US \$1,000,000)

21. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/33.

REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN

Introduction

22. Table 5 presents a summary of Sweden's requests for bilateral co-operation. This request plus US26,553 approved at the 42^{nd} Meeting and US234,362 approved at the 43^{rd} Meeting does not exceed 20 percent of Sweden's contribution for 2004 (US397,693).

Table 5

SUBMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN AND RECOMMENDATION

Project Title	Country	Total Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Requested After Review (US \$)*	Amount Recommended (US\$)
National CFC phase-out plan: 2005 annual programme	Philippines	40,000	40,000	(1)
Agency Fee		2,000	2,000	
TOTAL		42,000	42,000	

* As at 1 November 2004.

(1) Under UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/53

PHILIPPINES: National CFC phase-out plan: 2005 annual programme (US \$40,000)

23. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/53.

REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND

Introduction

24. Table 6 presents a summary of Switzerland's request for bilateral co-operation. The value of the request plus US\$214,700 approved at the 42^{nd} Meeting does not exceed 20 percent of Switzerland's contribution for 2004 (US \$489,528).

Table 6

SUBMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND AND RECOMMENDATION

Project Title	Country	Total Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Requested After Review (US \$)*	Amount Recommended (US\$)
National CFC consumption phase-out plan focussing on the refrigeration service sector (second tranche) (Swiss component		256,650	256,650	(1)
Agency Fee		33,365	33,365	
TOTAL		290,015	290,015	

* As at 1 November 2004.

(1) Under UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/39

INDIA: National CFC consumption phase-out plan focussing on the refrigeration service sector (second tranche) (Swiss component) (US \$290,015)

25. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/44/39.
