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ANNUAL TRANCHE SUBMISSION DELAYS

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Overview

1. This document is submitted as a follow-up to the decision taken at the 47th Meeting, which requested a separate agenda item on delays in the submission of annual tranches and disbursement of funds for tranches and obligations (decision 47/50(d)) at future meetings of the Executive Committee. This request emanates from a history of late submissions of annual tranches that result in delays in transferring funds and in fulfilling obligations to fund the activities required by the annual tranches. The agenda item is intended to enable the Executive Committee to encourage relevant countries and agencies to increase their efforts to submit annual tranches to the next meeting of the Executive Committee and to address difficulties in meeting deadlines with respect to the submission of annual tranches.

2. This document addresses delays in the submission of tranches that were due at the 51st Meeting and presents recommendations for consideration by the Executive Committee. At its 50th Meeting, the document also addressed the submission of an annual tranche that was incomplete and therefore had to be withdrawn. However, there were no such submissions to the 51st Meeting.

Annual Tranche Delays (tranches due for submission to the 51st Meeting)

3. Thirty-eight annual tranches were due for submission to the 51st Meeting. Of these, sixteen have not been submitted, which is an increase from the 50th Meeting when eleven tranches were not submitted. Table 1 presents the tranches not submitted to the 51st Meeting, along with the reasons provided by the relevant implementing agency. The breakdown, by agency, is as follows: France (1), UNDP (5), UNEP (5), UNIDO (3) and the World Bank (2).

Table 1

ANNUAL TRANCHES NOT SUBMITTED

Agency	Country	Sector	Tranches	Agencies Comments
IBRD	Antigua and Barbuda	CFCs Phase-Out	2006	The Grant Agreement is not yet in place.
UNDP	Bangladesh	ODS Phase-Out	2005 and 2006	Tranche request pending signature of project document. UNDP Country Office confirmed that the matter was presented to the Steering Committee Meeting at the Ministry of Environment and Forest, and the project document has been cleared by the Planning Commission and now awaiting the Advisor's (of the Caretaker Government) signature. After the Advisor's signature, the project document will go to the final step of the government clearance process. UNDP Country Office expects that the process will not take longer than one month.
UNEP	Bangladesh	ODS Phase-Out	2005 and 2006	Waiting for signature of the Lead Agency's project document.
UNIDO	Bosnia and Herzegovina	ODS Phase-Out	2005	Lack of cooperation. The status of the institutional strengthening project is addressed in the document on Project Implementation Delays (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/51/15).

Agency	Country	Sector	Tranches	Agencies Comments
UNDP and UNEP	Dominica	CFCs Phase-Out	2007	UNEP and UNDP are working closely together on the implementation of the four TPMPs in the Eastern Caribbean (St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada and Dominica). Given the similarity between the countries, the implementing agencies have taken a regional approach to implementation, as it is expected to generate large benefits and synergies for the countries. 2007 has been used to set up the administrative procedures for the implementation of the TPMPs, and all four countries have signed their project documents and held their inception workshops. There have been stakeholder consultations and the execution is expected to increase substantially in 2007.
UNDP and UNEP	Grenada	CFCs Phase-Out	2007	Same as Dominica.
France	Kenya	CFCs Phase-Out	2005	As at the end of January 2007, the office of the Permanent Secretary (PS) of the Ministry of Environment is responsible for the approval of the regulations. Unfortunately, the position of PS recently changed. The New PS has been made fully aware of the delay in the approval of the ODS regulations and the consequences this might have for Kenya. He has already determined that all necessary procedures for the approval of the regulations were correctly followed. He is presently trying to identify the causes for the further delays. It appears that he has a keen interest to have the situation resolved as soon as possible.
UNIDO	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	CFCs Phase-Out	2006	The unclear status of the NOU that was addressed in the document on Project Implementation Delays (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/51/15).
UNIDO	Pakistan	CTC Phase-Out	2005	Awaiting the incorporation of the action plan that was recently approved by the Meeting of the Parties.
UNDP and UNEP	Saint Kitts and Nevis	CFCs Phase-Out	2007	Same as Dominica.
UNDP and UNEP	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	ODS Phase-Out	2007	Same as Dominica.
IBRD	Venezuela	Production CFCs	2007	There was a delay in the travel of the consultant to undertake the verification audit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. The Executive Committee may wish to consider:
- (a) Noting the information on annual tranches of multi-year agreements submitted to the Secretariat by France, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank contained in the document on annual tranche submission delays (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/51/16);
 - (b) Noting that 16 of the 38 annual tranches of multi-year agreements that were due for submission were not submitted on time to the 51st Meeting; and
 - (c) Noting that letters should be sent for the annual tranches listed below that were due for submission to the 51st Meeting with the reasons indicated for the delay, and encouraging implementing agencies and the relevant Article 5 Governments to submit these annual tranches to the 52nd Meeting:

Agency	Country	Sector	Tranches	Agencies Comments
IBRD	Antigua and Barbuda	CFCs Phase-Out	2006	The Grant Agreement is not yet in place.
UNDP	Bangladesh	ODS Phase-Out	2005 and 2006	To be provided at 51 st Meeting.
UNEP	Bangladesh	ODS Phase-Out	2005 and 2006	Waiting for signature of the Lead Agency's project document.
UNIDO	Bosnia and Herzegovina	ODS Phase-Out	2005	Lack of cooperation.
UNDP and UNEP	Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	CFCs Phase-Out	2007	UNEP and UNDP are developing administrative procedures to implement the 2007 tranches regionally for the 4 countries involved.
France	Kenya	CFCs Phase-Out	2005	ODS regulations have not been gazetted.
UNIDO	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	CFCs Phase-Out	2006	The unclear status of the NOU.
UNIDO	Pakistan	CTC Phase-Out	2005	Waiting of incorporation of action plan that was recently approved by the Meeting of the Parties.
IBRD	Venezuela	Production CFCs	2007	There was a delay in the travel of the consultant to undertake the verification audit.
