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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL
Fifty-second Meeting
Montreal, 23-27 July 2007

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/1: contains the Provisional Agenda for the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Committee might wish to adopt the Agenda of the meeting on the basis of the Provisional Agenda as contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/1/Add.1.

(b) Organization of work

The Chairperson will propose to the plenary the organization of work.

Pre-session documents of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol are without prejudice to any decision that the Executive Committee might take following issue of the document.

For reasons of economy, this document is printed in a limited number. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies to the meeting and not to request additional copies.

3. Secretariat activities

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/2: presents a report on the activities of the Secretariat since the 51st Meeting of the Executive Committee. The document includes information on the follow-up activities implemented by the Secretariat on the outcome of the 51st Meeting, and the preparations for the 52nd Meeting, as well as information on the missions undertaken by the Chief Officer and the staff of the Secretariat during this period.

Issues to be addressed: none.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to take note of the report.

4. Status of contributions and disbursements

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/3: provides information on the status of the Fund as at 22 June 2007 as recorded by the Treasurer. At that date, the Fund's balance stood at US \$76,100,160 after taking into account all the funds approved by the Executive Committee, up to and including those approved at the 51st Meeting. The Fund's balance has been updated by the Treasurer to reflect new contributions made by the Parties and includes a sum of US \$38,365,765 in cash, and US \$37,734,395 in notes. Out of the US \$37,734,395 in notes, US \$10,405,356 are due for encashment before the end of the year, US \$9,846,498 would be encashed in 2008, US \$7,139,573 in 2009, and US \$9,342,968 remain unscheduled.

Issues to be addressed: none

Action expected from the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Note the report of the Treasurer on the status of contributions and disbursements as contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/3 which provides information on promissory notes; and
- (b) Urge all Parties to pay their contributions to the Multilateral Fund in full and as early as possible.

5. Status of resources and planning

(a) Report on balances and availability of resources

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/4: contains the submissions of the implementing agencies on completed projects with balances and the return of funds from cancelled projects.

Issues to be addressed:

- Large balances held by UNEP for un-obligated balances;
- Adjustments to bilateral contributions of Canada, Germany and Japan;
- Transfer of institutional strengthening project from UNEP to UNDP and approval of agency fees for UNDP; and
- Resources available for 52nd Meeting approvals.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Note the report on balances and availability of resources contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/4;
- (b) Note the net level of funds being returned by the implementing agencies to the 52nd Meeting amounting to US \$1,525,904 against project balances. This includes the return of US \$531,442 from UNDP, US \$215,766 from UNEP, US \$62,064 from UNIDO, and US \$716,632 from the World Bank;
- (c) Note the net level of support costs being returned by the implementing agencies to the 52nd Meeting amounting to US \$180,986 against project support cost balances. This includes the return of US \$60,419 from UNDP, US \$27,199 from UNEP, US \$4,867 from UNIDO, and US \$88,501 from the World Bank;
- (d) Note that implementing agencies had balances totalling US \$14,129,095 excluding support costs from projects completed over two years ago. This includes US \$161,406 plus support costs from UNDP, US \$862,627 plus support costs from UNEP, US \$678,677 plus support costs from UNIDO, and US \$12,426,385 plus support costs from the World Bank;
- (e) Urge UNEP to resolve the US \$1,680,292 in un-obligated balances and report on their resolution to the 53rd Meeting;
- (f) Note that US \$750 should be deducted from bilateral contributions of Canada as a result of funds being returned from the project preparation of the terminal phase-out management plan in Burkina Faso (BKF/PHA/47/PRP/19);
- (g) Note that US \$3,686 should be deducted from bilateral contributions of Germany as a result of funds being returned from the following projects as indicated:

Code	Project title	Project costs returned (US\$)	Associated support costs (US\$)
IND/FOA/36/INV/350	Conversion from CFC-11 to water-based technology at Precision Engineering Tools and Components	26	3
IND/FOA/36/INV/351	Conversion from CFC-11 to water-based technology at Pramukh Poly-Products	9	1
MAR/REF/28/TAS/12	National CFC-12 recovery and recycling programme and demonstration of retrofit technology in commercial refrigeration	3,647	0
TOTAL		3,682	4

- (h) Note that US \$6,216 should be deducted from bilateral contributions of Japan as a result of funds being returned from the projects indicated below;

Code	Project title	Project costs returned (US\$)	Associated support costs (US\$)
CPR/REF/31/TAS/359	Strategy for the refrigeration servicing sector in China	1,376	179
IDS/FOA/37/INV/145	Phase-out of CFC-11 by conversion to HCFC-141b in the manufacture of rigid polyurethane foam for insulating purposes at Aneka Citra Refrigeratama Co.	377	49
IDS/FOA/37/INV/146	Phase-out of CFC-11 by conversion to HCFC-141b in the manufacture of rigid polyurethane foam for insulating purposes at Bina Teknik Co.	541	70
NIR/FOA/32/INV/73	Phasing out of CFC-11 in the manufacture of flexible slabstock foam at Eastern Wrought Iron Limited by conversion to methylene chloride	3,207	417
TOTAL		5,501	715

- (i) Note the transfer of US \$60,667 from UNEP to UNDP for the institutional strengthening project in Georgia (GEO/SEV/51/INS/23);
- (j) Approve US \$4,550 in agency fees for UNDP to implement the institutional strengthening project in Georgia (GEO/SEV/51/INS/23); and
- (k) Note that US \$77,807,050 (figure to be updated at the meeting) was available to the Executive Committee for approvals at the 52nd Meeting.

(b) 2007 business plans

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/5: considers business planning in the light of the submissions to the 52nd Meeting.

Issues to be addressed:

- US \$19,667,148 remains unallocated in the 2006-2008 replenishment;
- World Bank report on the possibility of accelerated production closure;
- Forty-four per cent of the value of the 2007 business plans is expected to be submitted to the 53rd Meeting; and
- US \$57,343,538 remains to be submitted in 2007 for activities critical to compliance.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to consider:

- (a) Noting the Report on the status of the 2007 business plans as contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/5 and the fact that US \$57.3 million in activities that were required for compliance had not been submitted to the 52nd Meeting, and that the value of forward commitments approved at the 52nd Meeting [exceeds/is below] the value in the 2007-2009 business plan of the Multilateral Fund by US \$----- [to be provided based on actual approvals]; and
- (b) Requesting bilateral and multilateral implementing agencies to submit those activities required for compliance in the 2007 business plans to the 53rd Meeting.

- (c) **Final report on priorities for the triennium 2006-2008 beyond the needs identified by the model rolling three-year phase-out plan, taking into account the remaining unallocated funds for the triennium (follow-up to decision 50/6)**

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/6: is the final report from the Secretariat prepared further to decision 50/6. The report presents a summary of the priority areas discussed at the 50th and 51st Meetings and then addresses each taking into account the Committee's consideration of the issues, the HCFC surveys, and relevant reports from the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP).

Issues to be addressed: none.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Note the Final Report on priorities for the triennium 2006-2008, beyond the needs identified by the model rolling three-year phase-out plan, taking into account the remaining unallocated funds for the triennium as contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/6; and
- (b) Consider if any other action is required at this time based on the information provided above.
- (d) **Status/prospects of Article 5 countries in achieving compliance with the initial and intermediate control measures of the Montreal Protocol**

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/7: contains three parts and two annexes. Part I has been prepared in response to decisions 32/76(b) and 46/4, which requested that the Secretariat prepare an annual update of the status of compliance of Article 5 countries that are subject to the Montreal Protocol control measures. Part II contains information on those Article 5 countries that are subject to decisions of the Parties and recommendations of the Implementation Committee on compliance. Part III presents data on the implementation of country programmes, including an analysis of the ODS consumption data by sector. It also addresses the characteristics of ODS phase-out programmes and a qualitative assessment of their performance.

Issues to be addressed:

- El Salvador appears to be in non-compliance with its CTC control measures and a TPMP is under preparation.
- Twenty-five countries reported that their licensing systems were not operational and 45 countries have not reported to the Fund on the status of their licensing system;
- Data provided in the new format was still incomplete and additional input is needed for the new web-based system; and
- Low level of data submissions since only 52 out of 142 countries provided country programme data within one month of the due data.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Note the report on the status/prospects of Article 5 countries in achieving compliance with the initial and intermediate control measures of the Montreal Protocol as contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/7;
- (b) Request UNDP and El Salvador to expedite the submission of the terminal phase-out management plan proposal to the 53rd Meeting;
- (c) Urge those countries that have not established licensing systems to endeavour to establish such systems as soon as possible;
- (d) Request UNEP CAP to allocate time during its regional network meetings for additional training on the web-based system for reporting progress on country programme implementation and to provide feedback on the experience gained by the initial users of the web-based system; and
- (e) Require the submission of country programme implementation data in advance of approval and release of funding for projects and activities.

6. Programme implementation

(a) Monitoring and evaluation

(i) Extended desk study on incentive programmes for retrofits

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/8: The extended desk study on incentive programmes for retrofit/replacement of refrigeration equipment in the industrial and commercial end-user sectors is part of the 2007 Monitoring and Evaluation Work Programme approved by the Executive Committee at its 50th Meeting (decision 50/9). The objective of the extended desk study is to review the experience available to date in implementing the incentive programmes approved by the Executive Committee as individual activities under existing or new RMPs.

Issues to be addressed:

- Objectives, background and methodology;
- Funding criteria and payment of incentives;
- Project impact, cost and cost-effectiveness;
- Project implementation, management and monitoring; and
- Sustainability and lessons learned.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to consider:

- (a) Urging Article 5 countries and respective implementing agencies to intensify their efforts to advance the implementation of approved incentive programmes in order to meet the established targets and phase-out schedules;

- (b) Drawing the attention of Article 5 countries for which TPMPs have been approved or will be approved in the near future to incentive programmes as a promising modality for achieving CFC phase-out in the refrigeration servicing sector, provided the necessary pre-conditions are in place and lessons learnt from previous programmes are taken into account;
- (c) Requesting the implementing and bilateral agencies concerned to disseminate the lessons learned from the implementation of incentive programmes among Article 5 countries, including through the regional network meetings; and
- (d) Requesting UNDP in co-operation with the Fund Secretariat:
 - (i) To provide as part of the guidelines a template for calculating estimated operating savings and efficiency gains resulting from retrofitting or replacing a given refrigeration system as well as economic benefits from extending the life-time of retrofitted equipment;
 - (ii) To clarify during the preparation of incentive programmes the methodology of calculating planned and actual CFC phase-out, taking into account local circumstances;
 - (iii) To include in the guidelines the preparation of country specific implementation milestones in order to facilitate monitoring and to avoid delays; and
 - (iv) To foresee in the guidelines the possibility of adapting the scale and sequence of payments to local situations, and to increase the maximum limit of US \$10,000 for large-sized end-users in order to motivate them to proceed with the conversion where the total cost might significantly exceed their maximum entitlement;
 - (v) To incorporate in the guidelines the use of HCFC ternary blends as drop-in substitutes for CFC-12 under specific circumstances.

(ii) Final report on the evaluation of the CAP programme

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/9: The objective of the evaluation, which is part of the 2006 and 2007 Monitoring and Evaluation Work Programme, is to review the results achieved, identify the problems encountered in the process of implementation and determine the effectiveness of CAP in relation to its objectives. The main evaluation issues were defined in the desk study on the CAP evaluation, submitted to the Executive Committee as document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/49/8.

Issues to be addressed:

- CAP activities in the regions;
- CAP's role for maintaining and/or returning to compliance; and
- Conclusions and recommendations.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Request UNEP to focus CAP on:
 - (i) Countries in potential or actual non-compliance, taking into account the likely difficulties of a number of countries in meeting the 85% reduction target for CFC in 2007, to be followed by the total phase-out, also of halons and CTC, by 31 December 2009.
 - (ii) Late-comers to the Montreal Protocol in order to:
 - a. Strengthen their institutional structures and develop local capacities;
 - b. Facilitate the establishment of appropriate ODS-related legislation and regulations; and
 - c. Support their public awareness activities.
 - (iii) Further involving more advanced and experienced Article 5 countries to assist and advise the less advanced in the same region;
 - (iv) Further strengthening of the local capacities of trained trainers, and partner training institutes, formed during the “train the trainers” phase to enable future and continued training of customs officers and refrigeration technicians on a sustainable basis. UNEP should also develop a strategy that will integrate the local training capacity created, placing emphasis on national ownership and securing access to appropriate know-how beyond 2010;
 - (v) Further promoting collaboration between customs and environment authorities, in cooperation with professional associations, in order to strengthen the enforcement of legal regulations; and
 - (vi) Assisting, where applicable, the enforcement of unified regulations in regional customs unions or other areas of political and economic cooperation.
- (b) Request UNEP and the other Agencies to ensure close coordination of activities in order to avoid overlapping actions; in particular, UNEP should always consult with the lead agency for NPP, TPMP or other phase-out plans and projects before providing technical or policy advice.
- (b) Progress reports as at 31 December 2006**
 - (i) Consolidated progress report**

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/10: summarises the progress and financial information on the implementation of projects and activities supported by the Fund up to 31 December 2006.

The report consists of three parts and two annexes: Part I: A summary of implementation progress at the country level; Part II: A summary of activities to the end of 2006; and, Part III: Comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat; and Annex I: Project implementation data by country; and Annex II: Analysis of Progress Report Data.

Issues to be addressed:

- Only 41 per cent of the projects planned for completion in 2006 were completed as scheduled;
- Fourth year of low achievement of project completion where rates have been well below 70 per cent; and
- Agency fee balances as at 31 December 2006 amounted to around US \$26.83 million.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Note the Consolidated Progress Report of the Multilateral Fund as contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/10;
- (b) Note the slow rate of project completion for the fourth consecutive year and the rates of achievement of project completion as follows: UNDP (33 per cent), UNEP (47 per cent), UNIDO (51 per cent), and the World Bank (48 per cent);
- (c) Inform the heads of the implementing agencies about the ongoing concern regarding the slow rate of project completion with a view towards achieving an overall improvement by each agency in 2007; and
- (d) Note the balances in agency fees held by agencies as at 31 December 2006, amounting to around US \$10.88 million for the World Bank, US \$8.81 million for UNDP, and US \$7.14 million for UNIDO.

(ii) Bilateral cooperation

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/11: contains the progress report on activities up to 31 December 2006 implemented under bilateral cooperation by: Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain and Sweden.

Issue to be addressed:

- Progress reports were not received from Finland, Portugal, Sweden and United States of America;
- Difference in bilateral contributions recorded by the Status of Contributions and Disbursements and the progress reports of France and Germany; and
- Request for additional status reports on projects with slow progress.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Note with appreciation the progress reports submitted by the Governments of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain and Switzerland;
- (b) Request the Governments of Finland, Portugal, Sweden and United States of America to provide their progress reports to the 53rd Meeting of the Executive Committee; and
- (c) Request the Governments of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain and Sweden to provide reports on the projects with implementation delays to the 53rd Meeting of the Executive Committee;
- (d) Request additional status reports on the following projects:
 - (i) Customs officer training project in Kiribati (KIR/REF/36/TAS/02) under Australian implementation;
 - (ii) Customs officers training project in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM/REF/36/TAS/01) under Australian implementation;
 - (iii) Customs officers training project in Palau (TTR/REF/36/TAS/01) under Australian implementation;
 - (iv) Customs officers training project in Solomon Island (SOI/REF/36/TAS/02) under Australian implementation;
 - (v) Customs officers training project in Tonga (TON/REF/36/TAS/01) under Australian implementation;
 - (vi) Customs officers training project in Tuvalu (TUV/REF/36/TAS/02) under Australian implementation;
 - (vii) Customs officers training project in Vanuatu (VAN/REF/36/TAS/02) under Australian implementation;
 - (viii) MAC recovery and recycling project in Micronesia (FSM/REF/36/TAS/02) under Australian implementation;
 - (ix) MAC recovery and recycling project in Kiribati (KIR/REF/36/TAS/03) under Australian implementation;
 - (x) MAC recovery and recycling project in the Marshall Islands (MAS/REF/36/TAS/02) under Australian implementation;
 - (xi) MAC recovery and recycling project in Palau (TTR/REF/36/TAS/02) under Australian implementation;
 - (xii) MAC recovery and recycling project in Tuvalu (TUV/REF/36/TAS/04) under Australian implementation;

- (xiii) MAC recovery and recycling project in Vanuatu (VAN/REF/36/TAS/04) under Australian implementation;
- (xiv) MAC recovery and recycling project in Solomon Islands (SOI/REF/36/TAS/04) under Australian implementation;
- (xv) The recovery and recycling project in Chile (CHI/REF/35/TAS/147) under Canadian implementation;
- (xvi) The methyl bromide project in Kenya (KEN/FUM/26/DEM/20) under Canadian implementation;
- (xvii) The recovery and recycling component of the RMP project in Tanzania (URT/REF/36/TAS/14) under German implementation;
- (xviii) Halon banking project in Algeria (ALG/HAL/35/TAS/51) under German implementation;
- (xix) Halon banking project in Croatia (CRO/HAL/43/TAS/24) under German implementation;
- (xx) Halon banking project in Nigeria (NIR/HAL/37/TAS/103) under German implementation;
- (xxi) Regional halon bank for Eastern and Southern African countries (Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe) (AFR/HAL/35/TAS/29) under German implementation;
- (xxii) The recovery and recycling project in Egypt (EGY/REF/29/TAS/75) under German implementation;
- (xxiii) The recovery and recycling project in Tanzania (URT/REF/36/TAS/14) under German implementation; and
- (xxiv) The Strategic demonstration project for accelerated conversion of CFC chillers (AFR/REF/48/DEM/35) under Japanese implementation.

(iii) UNDP

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/12: contains the progress report of UNDP for activities up to 31 December 2006 and the comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat on the report.

Issue to be addressed:

- Low rate of disbursement for multi-year agreements (MYAs);
- Possible cancellation of the Prasert Sofa Shop foam project in Laos (LAO/FOA/44/INV/14);
- Request for additional status reports on projects with slow progress; and
- Application of the definition of “completion” to tranches of MYAs.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Note UNDP's Progress Report contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/12;
- (b) Note, with concern, UNDP's low rate of disbursement for multi-year agreements;
- (c) Note that UNDP will report to the 53rd Meeting on up to 17 projects with implementation delays including five projects that were classified as such in 2005;
- (d) Cancel the Prasert Sofa Shop foam project in Laos (LAO/FOA/44/INV/14) following confirmation that the current director of the National ozone unit agrees to the cancellation;
- (e) Request additional status reports on the following projects to be submitted to the 53rd Meeting:
 - (i) Methyl bromide phase-out plan in Kenya;
 - (ii) Institutional strengthening project in Bangladesh (BGD/SEV/44/INS/23) (contingent on a report to the 52nd Meeting on the resolution of the outstanding compliance matter);
 - (iii) Institutional strengthening project in Nigeria (NIR/SEV/48/INS/114) (contingent on a report to the 52nd Meeting on the resolution of the outstanding compliance matter);
 - (iv) Institutional strengthening in Pakistan (PAK/SEV/41/INS/54) (contingent upon a report to the 52nd Meeting on the resolution of the outstanding compliance matter);
 - (v) Refrigerant management plan activities in Barbados (BAR/REF/43/TAS/11&12);
 - (vi) Refrigerant management plan activities in Cape Verde (CBI/REF/44/TAS/08);
 - (vii) MAC recycling refrigerant management plan component for UNDP in Guinea Bissau (GBS/REF/43/TAS/07);
 - (viii) Refrigerant management plan activities in Haiti (HAI/REF/39/TAS/04 and HAI/REF/39/TAS/06);
 - (ix) The technician training refrigerant management plan component in Honduras (HON/REF/44/TAS/15);
 - (x) Refrigerant management plan activities in Sierra Leone (SIL/REF/41/TAS/05&06);

- (xi) Refrigerant management plan activities in Suriname (SUR/REF/44/TAS/09&10);
 - (xii) The regional methyl bromide project in Africa (AFR/FUM/38/TAS/32);
 - (xiii) The methyl bromide demonstration project in Mexico (MEX/FUM/26/DEM/86);
 - (xiv) The methyl bromide demonstration project (SRL/FUM/27/DEM/13), the methyl bromide technical assistance project (SRL/FUM/38/TAS/21) and the incentive programme component of the refrigerant management plan (SRL/REF/32/TAS/15) in Sri Lanka;
 - (xv) Halon banking activity in Egypt (EGY/HAL/32/TAS/81);
 - (xvi) Regional halon bank West and Central Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Congo DR, and Guinea) (AFR/HAL/37/TAS/31); and
- (f) Request UNDP to define completion dates according to the completion of activities associated with annual tranches.

(iv) UNEP

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/13: contains the progress report of UNEP for activities up to 31 December 2006 and the comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat on the report.

Issues to be addressed:

- Delayed completion of project preparation;
- Request for additional status reports on projects with slow progress; and
- Slow disbursement by UNDP country offices of outstanding payments for UNEP projects.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Note UNEP's progress report contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/13;
- (b) Note that UNEP has seven projects classified with implementation delays, including five projects that were so classified last year, and that a report on these projects should be submitted to the 53rd Meeting;
- (c) Request additional status reports to be submitted to the 53rd Meeting if the project is not submitted for the following project preparation activities:
 - (i) Terminal phase-out management plan (TPMP) preparation in Nicaragua (NIC/PHA/49/PRP/19);
 - (ii) TPMP preparation in Djibouti (DJI/PHA/48/PRP/11);

- (d) Request that additional status reports be submitted to the 53rd Meeting for the following individual projects on institutional strengthening with respect to reporting on decisions taken by the Parties or recommendations of the Implementation Committee with respect to compliance for the following:
- (i) El Salvador (ELS/SEV/44/INS/17);
 - (ii) Equatorial Guinea (EQG/SEV/49/INS/02);
 - (iii) Eritrea (ERI/SEV/47/INS/02);
 - (iv) Guatemala (GUA/SEV/43/INS/30);
 - (v) Guinea Bissau (GBS/SEV/50/INS/09);
 - (vi) Lao PDR (LAO/SEV/50/INS/17);
 - (vii) Maldives (MDV/SEV/50/INS/11);
 - (viii) Somalia (SOM/SEV/44/INS/05);
 - (ix) Turkmenistan (TKM/SEV/46/INS/01);
 - (x) Uganda (UGA/SEV/13/INS/02);
 - (xi) Barbados (BAR/SEV/46/INS/13);
 - (xii) Cape Verde (CBI/SEV/50/INS/10);
 - (xiii) Sao Tome and Principe (STP/SEV/50/INS/11);
- (e) Request that additional status reports be submitted to the 53rd Meeting for the following individual projects on institutional strengthening:
- (i) Myanmar (MYA/SEV/29/INS/02);
 - (ii) Sudan (SUD/SEV/42/INS/16);
 - (iii) Somalia (SOM/SEV/36/INS/03);
 - (iv) Kiribati (KIR/SEV/49/INS/05);
 - (v) Marshall Islands (MAS/SEV/50/INS/05);
 - (vi) Tonga (TON/SEV/49/INS/04);
 - (vii) Palau (TTR/SEV/49/INS/04);
 - (viii) Tuvalu (TUV/SEV/50/INS/05);

- (f) Request that additional status reports be submitted to the 53rd Meeting, for the following individual refrigerant management plan (RMP) projects:
- (i) Brunei Darussalam (BRU/REF/44/TAS/09, BRU/REF/44/TRA/07 and BRU/REF/44/TRA/08);
 - (ii) End-users public awareness component of the RMP in Chile (CHI/REF/35/TAS/148);
 - (iii) CFC phase-out plan in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC/PHA/49/TAS/23);
 - (iv) RMP monitoring component in Kuwait (KUW/REF/37/TAS/06);
 - (v) Myanmar (MYA/REF/45/TAS/05);
 - (vi) Nauru (NAU/REF/44/TAS/03); and
- (g) Request the Chairman to communicate to UNDP headquarters the need to urge local UNDP offices to expedite the outstanding payments for these UNEP projects and indicate any problems in financially completing these activities.

(v) UNIDO

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/14: contains the progress report of UNIDO for activities up to 31 December 2006 and the comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat on the report.

Issues to be addressed:

- Very low levels of disbursement and the negative impact on monitoring implementation delays due to slow initial disbursement;
- Delayed completion of project preparation;
- Slow implementation of UNEP project impacting UNIDO project;
- Request for additional status reports on projects with slow progress;

Action expected from the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Note UNIDO's progress report contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/14;
- (b) Define implementation delays due to disbursement as a level of disbursement below 1 per cent of the project budget 18 months after project approval;
- (c) Request UNIDO to expedite the completion of the preparation of the MDI sector plan in China (CPR/ARS/44/PRP/422), the halon phase-out plan in Kuwait (KUW/HAL/45/PRP/07) and the CTC sector plan in Serbia (YUG/SOL/45/PRP/27);

- (d) Urge UNEP, in the context of its progress report, to expedite the completion of the national survey in Guinea in order to facilitate UNIDO's finalization of its TPMP component (GUI/PHA/49/PRP/17);
- (e) Request additional status reports on the following projects to be submitted to the 53rd Meeting:
 - (i) Halon phase-out project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BHE/HAL/42/TAS/18) and institutional strengthening (BHE/SEV/43/INS/19);
 - (ii) Halon phase-out plan in Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (LIB/HAL/47/TAS/26) and institutional strengthening (LIB/SEV/32/INS/04); and
- (f) Note that UNIDO will report to the 53rd Meeting on up to 15 projects with implementation delays in 2006 including seven projects that were classified as such in 2005.

(vi) World Bank

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/15: contains the progress report of the World Bank for activities up to 31 December 2006 and the comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat on the report.

Issues to be addressed:

- Grant agreement signatures still pending for Antigua and Barbuda and Tunisia;
- Request for additional status reports on projects with slow progress;

Action expected from the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Note the World Bank's progress report contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/15;
- (b) Urge the World Bank to expedite the signing of its grant agreements with Antigua and Barbuda and its amended grant agreement with Tunisia (contingent upon an updated report during the 52nd Meeting);
- (c) Request that additional status reports on the following projects be submitted to the 53rd Meeting:
 - (i) CFC phase-out plan in Antigua and Barbuda (ANT/PHA/44/INV/10) (contingent upon an updated report during the 52nd Meeting);
 - (ii) Global chiller project (GLO/REF/47/DEM/268);
 - (iii) Institutional strengthening in Ecuador (ECU/SEV/42/INS/33) on the status of the submission of its revised action plan on methyl bromide;

- (iv) Methyl bromide alternatives demonstration project (ARG/FUM/29/DEM/93) and halon banking project (ARG/HAL/26/TAS/80) in Argentina;
- (v) Halon banking project in Turkey (TUR/HAL/38/TAS/80); and
- (d) Note that the World Bank will report to the 53rd Meeting on a total of seven projects with implementation delays including six projects that were classified as such in 2005.

(c) Evaluation of the implementation of the 2006 business plans

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/16: presents the evaluation of the 2006 business plans of the implementing agencies using the performance indicators approved at the 41st Meeting for all agencies using the revised weightings in decision 47/51 as well as the performance indicators adopted at the 48th Meeting for the Compliance Assistance Programme, and the targets that were adopted for the 2006 business plans by the Executive Committee. This document also presents a trend analysis for each of the nine performance indicators used in prior evaluations, and concludes with the Secretariat's observations and recommendations. An addendum will be issued on the qualitative performance indicators that were modified at the 46th Meeting. It concludes with the Secretariat's observations and recommendations.

Issues to be addressed:

- Implementing agencies' performance against their 2006 business plan performance indicators; and
- UNEP completed 62 of the planned 116 special CAP assistance activities scheduled for 2006.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Note the evaluation of the implementing agencies' performance against their 2006 business plans as contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/16; and
- (b) Urge UNEP to continue to report on the achievement of the planned special compliance assistance activities and to strive to complete these activities as planned.

(d) Project implementation delays

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/17: contains an assessment of progress on projects identified with implementation delays based on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Committee. It addresses delayed projects in countries with related compliance issues. It also presents a project proposed for possible cancellation and discusses the impact of its cancellation on compliance. It also contains a special section on the existing procedures and past studies to address projects with implementation delays requested at the 51st Meeting in decision 51/14(k).

Issues to be addressed:

- Ongoing difficulties in obtaining the required Government approval for implementing components of projects approved by the Executive Committee in Algeria and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; and
- Possible cancellation of the Training and awareness workshop in the solvents and process agents (CTC and TCA) sectors in Ethiopia (ETH/SOL/45/TAS/15) under UNIDO implementation, pending confirmation of the agreement of the Government of Ethiopia.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to consider:

- (a) Noting:
- (i) With appreciation, the status reports on projects with implementation delays submitted to the Secretariat by France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the four implementing agencies (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/17);
 - (ii) That the Secretariat and implementing agencies would take established actions according to the Secretariat's assessments (progress, some progress, or no progress) and report to and notify governments and implementing agencies as required;
 - (iii) The completion of seven out of the 34 projects listed with implementation delays;
 - (iv) That letters of possible cancellation should be sent for the following projects:

Agency	Code	Project title
Germany	IRA/FOA/37/INV/152	Conversion from CFC-11 to fully water-based technology in the manufacture of flexible molded PU foam at Sanayeh Dashboard in the Islamic Republic of Iran
UNDP	IND/ARS/41/TAS/368	MDI Transitional Strategy in India

- (b) Requesting high level contact with the Governments of Algeria and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya concerning ongoing difficulties in obtaining the required Government approval for implementing components of projects approved by the Executive Committee;
- (c) Requesting additional status reports on the projects listed in Annex II to the present document; and
- (d) Noting the cancellation of the training and awareness workshop in the solvents and process agents (CTC and TCA) sectors in Ethiopia (ETH/SOL/45/TAS/15), pending confirmation of the agreement of the Government of Ethiopia.

(e) Annual tranche submission delays

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/18: addresses delays in the submission of tranches that were due at the 52nd Meeting, address tranche delays in countries for which compliance decisions have been taken, tranches not submitted by agreement with the Secretariat, and presents recommendations for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Issues to be addressed:

- 14 out of 39 annual tranche request were not submitted to the 52nd Meeting as planned;
- Request for changes in due date for the ODS phase-out agreement with Thailand; and
- Tranches for MYAs related to compliance issues were not submitted to the 52nd Meeting for Bangladesh, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and Pakistan.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to consider:

- 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/52/18);
- Noting that 14 of the 39 annual tranches of multi-year agreements that were due for submission were not submitted on time to the 52nd Meeting, 10 were withdrawn due to low disbursement of funds, and one due to a mutually agreed change in schedule;
- Noting that letters should be sent for the annual tranches listed below that were due for submission to the 52nd 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 53rd Meeting:

Country	Agency	Sector	Tranches	Reason for delay
Antigua and Barbuda	World Bank	CFCs Phase-Out	2006	Grant agreement has not been signed.
Argentina	World Bank	Production CFCs	2007	Verification report was not ready.
Bangladesh	UNDP	ODS Phase-Out	2005, 2006, 2007	Late project document signature, the need for revision to the plan, and sufficient funds from the first tranche for 2007.
Bangladesh	UNEP	ODS Phase-Out	2005, 2006, 2007	Late project document signature, the need for revision to the plan, and sufficient funds from the first tranche for 2007.
Congo, DR	UNEP	CFCs Phase-Out	2007	Political situation in the country.
Congo, DR	UNDP	CFCs Phase-Out	2007	Project document has not been signed.
Kenya	France	CFCs Phase-Out	2005	Late gazettelement of regulations.
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	UNIDO	CFCs Phase-Out	2006	Verification report has not been completed.
Pakistan	UNIDO	CTC Phase-Out	2005	Verification report has not been completed.

- Changing the due date for tranches of the ODS phase-out project in Thailand to the last meeting of the year; and

- (e) Urging Bangladesh, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and Pakistan, for which compliance decisions have been taken and the related annual tranches were not submitted to the 52nd Meeting, to facilitate the submission of the required reports to the 53rd Meeting, as well as the achievement of the other requirements indicated in paragraph (c) in time for that meeting to enable the Executive Committee to approve the annual tranches that can assist in future compliance.
- (f) **Report on implementation of approved projects with specific reporting requirements**

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/19: consists of three sections. Section I contains progress reports on the implementation of the RMPs in Brunei Darussalam, Haiti and Myanmar (follow-up to decisions adopted at the 51st Meeting of the Executive Committee). Section II contains specific requests to the Executive Committee on the implementation of MB phase-out projects in Argentina, Egypt, Guatemala, Lebanon, and a policy assistance programme in Central America. Section III contains verification of CFC imports and exports for 2006 in China production sector; redeployment of the aerosol equipment purchased for a cancelled project in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to be utilized in the COPACI aerosol project in Côte d'Ivoire; report on the technology provider for the phase-out of CFC consumption in the manufacture of MDIs in Egypt; and the revised plan for the sustainability of a halon banking project in Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Issue to be addressed:

- Progress reports on the implementation of the RMPs in Brunei Darussalam, Haiti and Myanmar: review of the phase-out strategy and plan of action proposed on the original RMP projects in the three countries;
- Progress reports on the implementation of methyl bromide phase-out activities in Argentina, Egypt and Lebanon; a request for a further revision of the phase-out schedule in the phase-out project for Guatemala in accordance with decision XVIII/26; and a progress report on the implementation of the policy assistance programme in Central America;
- Report on the verification of CFC imports and exports under the sector plan for CFC production phase-out in China;
- Status report on the redeployment of the aerosol equipment purchased for a cancelled project in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to be utilized in the aerosol project in Côte d'Ivoire;
- Report on the technology provider for the phase-out of CFC consumption in the manufacture of MDIs in Egypt; and
- Revised plan for the sustainability of a halon banking project in Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Committee may wish to consider the following:

- (a) Brunei Darussalam: To request UNEP to submit a progress report on the status of implementation of the RMP project to the 53rd Meeting of the Executive Committee;

- (b) Haiti: To note the revised plan of action of the RMP for Haiti submitted by UNDP and UNEP on behalf of the Government of Haiti; and request UNDP and UNEP to accelerate the implementation of the RMP for Haiti and report back on progress achieved in the actual implementation of activities to the 54th Meeting of the Executive Committee;
- (c) Myanmar: To request UNEP to submit a progress report on the status of implementation of the RMP project to the 53rd Meeting of the Executive Committee;
- (d) Argentina: To take note of the progress report on the implementation of the MB phase-out project in tobacco and non-protected vegetable seedbeds; to note with concern that the MB consumption levels reported by the Government of Argentina for 2006 were almost 6.0 ODP tonnes above the maximum level of MB consumption specified in its agreement with the Executive Committee; and to request the Government of Argentina and UNDP to continue with the implementation of the MB phase-out activities proposed in the project and report back on progress achieved in the implementation of phase-out activities to the 54th Meeting of the Executive Committee;
- (e) Egypt: To take note of the progress report on the implementation of the project for national phase-out of MB in horticulture and commodities fumigation; to note that the remaining MB consumption eligible for funding in Egypt would be 131.4 ODP tonnes once the current project is fully implemented and, consequently, the level of funding for the second portion of the project, if submitted, could be up to a maximum of US \$1,752,735; and to request the Government of Egypt and UNIDO to accelerate the implementation of the methyl bromide phase-out activities proposed in the project;
- (f) Guatemala: To adopt the following modification to the MB phase-out schedule for Guatemala as proposed in decision XVIII/26: from 709.4 ODP tonnes in 2002 to 400.70 ODP tonnes in 2006; to 361 ODP tonnes in 2007; to 320.56 ODP tonnes in 2008; and to phase out all controlled uses of MB by 1 January 2015; to approve the activities proposed by the Government of Guatemala within the level of funding available under the project for the phase-out of MB in the cultivation of melons, tomato, flowers and ornamentals, and strawberries in Guatemala under current implementation; and to request UNIDO to submit a progress report on the implementation of the project for the phase-out of MB in the cultivation of melons, tomato, flowers and ornamentals, and strawberries in Guatemala to the 54th Meeting of the Executive Committee;
- (g) Lebanon:
 - (i) To take note of the 2006 progress report on the implementation of the projects for the phase-out of all remaining soil uses of methyl bromide used in the production of cut flowers and tobacco, implemented by UNDP, and the phase-out of MB for soil fumigation in strawberry production, implemented by UNIDO; to approve the revisions to the agreement between the Government of Lebanon and the Executive Committee that

was approved by the Committee at the 34th Meeting and subsequently modified at the 43rd Meeting, extending the phase-out schedule until 2008 as shown in the table below:

Maximum level of methyl bromide consumption by crop (ODP tonnes)				
Year	Vegetables/tobacco/ cut flowers	Strawberries	Total phased out	Consumption level
2001				236.5
2002	25.8	6.0	31.8	204.7
2003	36.0	10.1	46.1	158.6
2004	54.0	14.2	68.2	90.4
2005	36.0	11.1	47.1	43.3
2006	0.0	0.0	0.0	43.3
2007	17.0	5.0	22.0	21.3
Maximum level of methyl bromide consumption by crop (ODP tonnes)				
Year	Vegetables/tobacco/ cut flowers	Strawberries	Total phased out	Consumption level
2008	17.3	4.0	21.3	0.0
2009	0	0	0	0.0

- (ii) To request UNDP and UNIDO to continue assisting the Government of Lebanon in the implementation of the phase-out investment projects; and to request UNDP and UNIDO to submit a report on the implementation of the two projects with an assessment of the financial losses that might have occurred during the extraordinary events in Lebanon in 2006, for consideration by the Executive Committee at its 54th Meeting;
- (h) Technical assistance programme in Central America: To take note of the progress report on the policy assistance programme to support the MB phase-out with a special focus on Guatemala and Honduras, submitted by UNEP on behalf of the Government of Spain;
- (i) China: To note with appreciation the verification of the CFC import/export in 2006 in China submitted by the World Bank;
- (j) Côte d'Ivoire: To note with appreciation the work undertaken by UNIDO to redeploy the aerosol equipment purchased for an aerosol manufacturing plant in the FYR Macedonia to a manufacturing plant in Côte d'Ivoire; to request the Government of Côte d'Ivoire to accelerate the implementation of the project for the phase-out of CFC-12 in the manufacture of cosmetics aerosols by conversion to a hydrocarbon aerosol propellant at COPACI completing the phase-out of CFCs in the aerosol sector in Côte d'Ivoire; and to request UNIDO to report back to the Executive Committee at its 53rd Meeting on the status of implementation of the aerosol project in Côte d'Ivoire including the situation of the redeployment of the aerosol equipment purchased for an aerosol manufacturing plant in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;
- (k) Egypt: To note that the costs of technology transfer for the project to phase-out of CFC consumption in the manufacture of MDIs in Egypt is US \$3,146,955; and

- (1) Libyan Arab Jamahiriya: To consider writing to the Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya indicating the possible cancellation of this project if no progress is reported to the 52nd Meeting on establishing a plan for the sustainability of the halon banking facility, including the selection of a host for the halon banking facility and a business plan from that host for the sustainability of the facility. It is suggested that the communications should be conducted at the highest appropriate level.

7. Project Proposals

(a) Overview of issues identified during project review

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/20: consists of three sections. Section I provides the statistics on the submissions to the 52nd Meeting received from implementing and bi-lateral agencies, and an assessment of the fund balance available against the demand for funds based on the submissions, and proposed solutions for managing the cash flow in case of a short fall. Section II presents the policy issues identified by the Secretariat from the review of the submissions at the meeting. Section III is a new addition called *Submissions with proposed amendments to on-going projects*, and presents a number of submissions received from the implementing agencies, which are in most cases proposed amendments to approved projects or annual tranches of multi-year agreements (MYAs).

Issues to be addressed:

- Amendment to the 2007 work programme of the China CFC production sector plan: consistency of the request to allocate US \$2 million from the sector plan as external funds to access the global chiller programme with the definition of external sources as determined by Executive Committee decisions;
- The CTC baseline of China : consistency of the request of China with decision X/14 of the Tenth Meeting of the Parties;
- Cuba national ODS phase out plan for CFC: permissibility to use project funds for the purchase of two vehicles;
- Request of UNDP to allow use of funds from the National Phase out Plan of Indonesia to assist enterprises established after 1995;
- The Halon banking project in Kyrgyzstan: permissibility of reallocating funds approved for investment to non-investment activities; and
- Lebanon national CFC phase out plan: permission to submit the fourth funding tranche for funding at the 53rd Meeting due to critical situation in the country in 2006.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Amendment to 2007 work programme of the China CFC production sector plan:
- (i) Consider not approving the request for reallocating funds from the CFC production sector for co-funding of the chiller replacement project because of inconsistency with the criteria for external funding source;
- (b) China CTC baseline:

- (i) Request China to re-examine the CTC production and consumption data between 1998 and 2000 to reinstate closest possible the historic data and to submit the data for 1999 and 2000 with a clear breakdown as requested by the Ozone Secretariat for calculating the baseline data. This should be done with the following understanding in accordance with the decision X/14 of the Tenth Meeting of the Parties:
 - a. That as long as China achieves the emission reduction targets laid out in the agreements with the Executive Committee of Phase I and Phase II of the process agent sector plan, the CTC production and consumption associated with the process agent application in these agreements will not be included in the CTC production and consumption for the determination of the compliance status of China from 2002 with respect to those CTC applications covered by Phase I and 2005, with respect to those applications covered by Phase II onwards; and
 - b. That since the CTC production and consumption covered in the two agreements of the sector plan should not be included in the calculation of production and consumption for the determination of compliance, any change of the baseline data does not call for a change of the agreements.
- (ii) Communicate the above language once adopted as a decision to the Meeting of the Parties in its annual report, through the Ozone Secretariat.
- (c) For Cuba: Consider the request by the Government of Cuba for the procurement of two vehicles to be utilized in the implementation of the NPP.
- (d) For Indonesia: Authorize using the flexibility provided for under the Agreement between Indonesia and the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the phase-out of ozone depleting substances, approved by decision 44/39, to allow funds to be directed to enterprises established after July 1995.
- (e) For Kyrgyzstan: Pending the outcome of UNIDO's discussions with Kyrgyzstan and UNEP, either cancel this project or transfer to UNEP the US \$25,000 for the non-investment component of the project and return the other US \$25,000 to the Fund for reprogramming.
- (f) For Lebanon:
 - (i) Take note on the progress report on the implementation of the national CFC phase-out plan for Lebanon, the performance verification report of the annual implementation programmes for 2005-2006, and the annual implementation programme for 2007 submitted by UNDP;
 - (ii) Request UNDP to continue assisting the Government of Lebanon in implementing CFC phase-out activities in Lebanon;

- (iii) Note that UNDP will submit a request for the release of the fourth tranche of the NPP at the 53rd Meeting of the Executive Committee, subject to the submission of a satisfactory supplementary progress report of the activities implemented and the level of funding disbursed in 2007.
- (g) Approve the list of projects and activities recommended for blanket approval (Annex I to the above document).

(b) Bilateral cooperation

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/21: contains four projects and activities submitted for approval by the Governments of Canada, France, Germany and Italy as bilateral cooperation. These projects are addressed under Agenda Item 7 (d), investment projects.

Issues to be addressed:

- Germany has already received approval for annual tranches of multi-year agreements that have fully utilized its 2006 and 2007 allocations and some of its 2008 allocation, and is requesting additional funding to be credited against its 2008 allocation.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Committee may wish to:

- (a) In light of decision 49/19, to inform the Parties of the level of bilateral contribution assigned to Germany's contribution for 2008;
- (b) To request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 52nd Meeting as follows [*funds indicated below could change following actual approvals at the Meeting*]:
 - (i) [US \$176,280] against the balance of Canada's bilateral contribution for 2007;
 - (ii) [US \$585,000] against the balance of France's bilateral contribution for 2007;
 - (iii) [US \$357,500] against the balance of Germany's bilateral contribution for 2008; and
 - (iv) [US \$293,476] against the balance of Italy's bilateral contribution for 2007.
- (c) **Amendments to work programmes for 2007**
 - (i) **UNDP**

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/22: contains four activities submitted by UNDP, including two requests for renewal of institutional strengthening projects, and two requests for project preparation for investment projects in the CFC-MDI sector for Colombia and India. The

request for institutional strengthening renewals for Brazil and Colombia are recommended for blanket approval and have been considered under Agenda Item 7(a). The requests for project preparation for the CFC-MDI sector are recommended for individual consideration following decision 51/34(c).

Issues to be addressed:

- Request for project preparation for MDI investment project in Colombia and supporting data as required under decision 51/34(c), where the Executive Committee decided it will consider these requests on a case by case basis. UNDP appears to have satisfied the data requirements under this decision, and these are provided for the Executive Committee's consideration; and
- Request for project preparation for MDI investment project in India and the supporting data as required under decision 51/34(c), where the Executive Committee decided it will consider these requests on a case by case basis. UNDP appears to have satisfied the data requirements under this decision, and these are provided for the Executive Committee's consideration.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to consider:

- (a) Approval of the request for project preparation for Colombia at the funding level of US \$30,000. The Committee may also wish to confirm whether the information provided is consistent with the requirements of decision 51/34. In approving this project UNDP is requested to note that, in developing the investment project, the final document must include elements of a transition strategy to assist the MDI sector and to support the full implementation of the investment project, pursuant to decision 51/34. It should also be noted that no further funds for a separate transition strategy for this sector will be available; and
- (b) Approval of the request for project preparation for India at the funding level of US \$100,000. The Committee may also wish to confirm whether the information provided is consistent with the requirements of decision 51/34. In approving this project UNDP is requested to note that, in developing the investment project, the final document must include elements of a transition strategy to assist the MDI sector and to support the full implementation of the investment project, pursuant to decision 51/34. It should also be noted that no further funds for a separate transition strategy for this sector will be available.

(ii) UNEP

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/23: contains 16 activities submitted by UNEP, including three requests for renewal of institutional strengthening projects. Twelve of the activities were recommended for blanket approval and were considered under Agenda Item 7(a). Two projects are associated with the conversion of CFC-MDI manufacturing and will be considered under Agenda Item 7(d) on investment projects. Two requests for global technical assistance namely, a study on halon bank management and integrated training with the Green Customs initiative are for individual consideration pursuant to decision 51/8 (b)(iv) and (f).

Issues to be addressed:

- Approval of the request for US \$40,000 for the study on challenges associated with halon banking in Article 5 countries. UNEP has submitted a proposal for the study as requested by the Executive Committee in decision 51/4(b)(iv) with details on the project approach and methodology, including a breakdown of the budget requested; and
- Integrated Enforcement training following the Green Customs initiative. This proposal should be considered for funding only for its first year, and contribution from partners should be guaranteed. Some costs associated with the project may be considered as part of the CAP budget therefore the project is recommended at a lower cost than requested.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Consider approving the request for the study on halon banking operations in Article 5 countries at the level of funding of US \$40,000; and
- (b) Consider approving the request for integrated enforcement training following the Green Customs initiative for one year only, without prejudice to future funding approvals for the remaining two years proposed for the project, at the level of funding of US \$62,000 indicated in Table I provided that:
 - (i) in seeking future funding, UNEP presents a commitment in writing from Green Customs partners that there is assured counterpart funds for the year that funds are being sought, and that an agreed work plan with specific cost contributions for each activity be provided for the Executive Committee's consideration; and
 - (ii) UNEP submits a report for the consideration of the Executive Committee covering the progress on implementation for the first year, including a full accounting of the funds used solely for issues related to trade in ODS.

(iii) UNIDO

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/24: contains three activities submitted for funding by UNIDO including one request for renewal of an institutional strengthening project, one proposal for the costs of verification of the TPMP in Croatia, and one for project preparation for the conversion of CFC- MDI manufacturing facilities. Two of these activities were recommended for blanket approval and have been considered under Agenda Item 7(a). The request for project preparation for the CFC-MDI sector is recommended for individual consideration following decision 51/34(c).

Issues to be addressed:

- Request for project preparation for an MDI investment project in Mexico and supporting data as required under decision 51/34(c), where the Executive Committee decided it will consider such requests on a case by case basis. UNIDO appears to have satisfied the data requirements under this decision, and these are provided for the Executive Committee's consideration.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Executive Committee may wish to:

- (a) Consider approval of the request for project preparation for Mexico at the funding level of US \$50,000. The Committee may also wish to confirm whether the information provided is consistent with the requirements of decision 51/34. In approving this project UNDP is requested to note that, in developing the investment project, the final document must include elements of a transition strategy to assist the MDI sector and to support the full implementation of the investment project, pursuant to decision 51/34. It should also be noted that no further funds for a separate transition strategy for this sector will be available.

(iv) The World Bank

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/25: contains two activities submitted by the World Bank, one request for renewal of institutional strengthening project, and a request for funds to initiate a study on the alternatives to CTC as a process agent in the chlor-alkali sector. Both projects were recommended for blanket approval, and have been approved under Agenda Item 7(a).

Issues to be addressed: none.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: none.

(d) Investment projects

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/20: contains in Annex II a list of nine projects for individual consideration. All other investment projects, both on-going and new activities, were recommended for blanket approval and were considered in Agenda Item 7(a).

Issues to be addressed: In Table 1 below, each of the nine projects should be considered for approval individually. Project descriptions and the comments of the Secretariat can be found in the relevant country project document referred to in the table (*if required, the Secretariat will outline the issue or issues involved*).

Table 1: List of projects for individual consideration

Country	Project	Agency	Document No.	Issue
Aerosol (MDIs)				
Bangladesh	Phase-out of CFC consumption in the manufacture of aerosol MDIs	UNDP, UNEP	ExCom/52/26	Costs issues under discussion. Policy issue related to MDI projects
Islamic Republic of Iran	Phase-out of CFC consumption in the manufacture of MDIs	UNIDO, UNEP	ExCom/52/36	Costs issues under discussion. Policy issue related to MDI projects
Foam				
China	Sector plan for phase-out of CFC-11 in the China foam sector: 2007 annual programme	World Bank	ExCom/52/30	Authorization for direction of funds to companies with capacities installed after July 1995

Fumigant				
Cameroon	Total phase-out of methyl bromide used in stored commodities fumigation	UNIDO	ExCom/52/29	Cost and policy issues unresolved. A new MYA to be approved, the current practice
Phase-out plan				
Bosnia and Herzegovina	National ODS phase-out plan (third tranche)	UNIDO	ExCom/52/28	Action plan is outstanding; project pending
Process agent				
China	Verification of CTC consumption under Phase II of CTC sector plan	World Bank	ExCom/52/30	The need to adjust the 14,300 ODP tonnes for CTC outside Phase I and II
India	CTC sector plan: 2007 work programme	World Bank, UNDP/Japan, UNIDO, Germany/France	ExCom/52/35	Request for funding of enterprises established after 1995
Mexico	Umbrella project for terminal phase-out of CTC	UNIDO	ExCom/52/41	Cost issues still under discussion; conclusion pending
Solvent				
DPR Korea	Plan for terminal phase-out of CTC (fifth tranche)	UNIDO	ExCom/52/37	Implementation delays

Action expected from the Executive Committee: the Committee may wish to consider whether to approve each of the nine projects listed in the table on the basis of: the information provided in the relevant project proposal document including the Secretariat's comments; any additional documents circulated in accordance with decision 41/80; and, any additional information provided at the meeting by the Secretariat or the relevant implementing agency.

8. Country Programmes

There are no country programmes for consideration at this meeting.

9. Report on the costs for carrying out a comprehensive independent assessment of the administrative costs required for the 2009-2011 triennium (follow up to decision 51/38)

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/50: contains a report on the status of the contract for the administrative cost study authorized in decision 50/42 based on terms of reference adopted at the 51st Meeting (decision 51/38).

Issues to be addressed: to be determined.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: pending.

10. Progress report on a study on the treatment of unwanted ODS to be submitted to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties (follow up to decision 50/42)

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/51: presents the progress achieved in conducting a study based on decision XVIII/9 of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties regarding "Review of draft terms of reference for case studies called for under decision XVII/17 on environmentally sound destruction of ozone-depleting substances". The decision called for a progress report to the Nineteenth Meeting of Parties. The document includes the draft for such a progress report.

Issues to be addressed: none.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee may wish to take note of the draft progress report on the study on the treatment of unwanted ODS, and consider either of the following:

- (a) Note the draft progress report as submitted;
- (b) Request the Fund Secretariat to update the report with any new information that becomes available between issuance of the draft and the 52nd Meeting; and
- (c) Request the Fund Secretariat to forward the revised progress report after approval by the Chair of the Executive Committee, for consideration at the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

11. Consideration of the issue of CTC use as feedstock and process agents, and the co-production of CTC in Article 5 countries, taking into consideration the study of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) on global CTC emissions (follow-up to decision 51/36).

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/52: provides information on TEAP's advice that the Global CTC report is not yet available; as a result the proposal is that the discussion on this issue should be postponed further.

Issues to be addressed: none.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: none.

12. Provisional 2006 Accounts

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/53: presents the provisional 2006 accounts of the Multilateral Fund, the four implementing agencies (IAs) and the Secretariat for information only. The final 2006 accounts of the Fund will be submitted to the 53rd Meeting of the Executive Committee. As a follow up to decision 51/37 of the Executive Committee on the UNEP support costs charges to the Fund, the Committee is advised that UNEP has decided to return the full amount of US \$143,956 to the Fund and to charge it to its own overhead account. This adjustment is to be effected in the 2007 accounts.

Issues to be addressed: none.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee may wish to note:

- (a) The Fund's 2006 provisional accounts;
- (b) That the 2006 final accounts of the Fund will be submitted to the Committee at the 53rd Meeting;
- (c) The actions taken by the Treasurer to reflect adjustments resulting from the reconciliation of the 2005 accounts exercise; and

- (d) The UNEP return of the amount of US \$143,956 to the Fund previously reported as a programme support cost charge to the Fund.

13. Report of the Executive Committee to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/52/54: presents a draft report to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties. This document is based on the 50th and 51st Meetings of the Executive Committee.

Issues to be addressed: Since the reporting period also includes the 52nd Meeting, the report will need to be updated to reflect the outcome of the 52nd Meeting.

Action expected from the Executive Committee: After considering the draft report, the Executive Committee may wish to authorize the Secretariat to finalize the report in the light of the discussions held and decisions taken at the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee for submission to the 19th Meeting of the Parties.
