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PRESUPUESTO DEL PROGRAMA DE ASISTENCIA AL CUMPLIMIENTO Y PROGRAMA DE TRABAJO DEL PNUMA PARA EL AÑO 2008

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COMENTARIOS Y RECOMENDACIONES DE LA SECRETARIA DEL FONDO

Descripción del Proyecto

- 1. El PNUMA presentó a la 53ª Reunión, en el marco de su Programa de Trabajo para 2008, el presupuesto propuesto para su Programa de Asistencia al Cumplimiento, el cual alcanzó originalmente un monto de 8 498 384 \$EUA más un 8 por ciento en concepto de gastos de apoyo al organismo, lo que ascendió a un monto de 679 871 \$EUA.
- 2. El Comité Ejecutivo, en su 50ª Reunión, aprobó el presupuesto del PNUMA destinado al Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento para 2007, por un monto de 8 003 000 \$EUA más un 8 por ciento en concepto de gastos de apoyo al organismo, lo que ascendió a un monto de 640 240 \$EUA, basándose en que:
 - a) El PNUMA facilitará en sus presentaciones futuras los pormenores sobre las actividades relativas a los fondos destinados a este programa de sensibilización mundial;
 - b) Se instó al PNUMA a continuar ampliando la priorización de la financiación, respetando el marco presupuestario del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento, con el propósito de poder tener en cuenta los cambios en las prioridades; y
 - c) El presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento solo se gastará de conformidad con el mandato atinente al mecanismo financiero estipulado en el Artículo 10 del Protocolo de Montreal y, por lo tanto, los recursos no se gastarán en la coordinación de las actividades relativas a un acuerdo medioambiental multilateral (inter-MEA);
- 3. En la decisión 47/24, el Comité Ejecutivo aprobó el presupuesto del PNUMA para el Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento de 2006, señalando específicamente que:
 - a) Las solicitudes de futuros incrementos en el presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento se limitarían al 3 por ciento, salvo que se entregue al Comité Ejecutivo pruebas que indiquen que las presiones inflacionarias justifican lo contrario; y
 - b) Se instó al PNUMA a continuar ampliando la priorización de la financiación, respetando el marco presupuestario del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento, con el propósito de poder adaptarla a los cambios en las prioridades.
- 4. En su presentación (adjunta a éste documento), el PNUMA proporcionó un breve resumen de los logros conseguidos en el Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento para el año en curso, cuyos hitos más destacados son, a saber:
 - a) El apoyo a dieciséis países que operan al amparo del Artículo 5, facilitado mediante los servicios de las redes regionales que brinda el Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento, con el fin de volver a una situación de cumplimiento

- para el 14 de septiembre de 2007, además de para otros 25 países que operan también al amparo del Artículo 5 que ya volvieron a una situación de cumplimiento en diciembre de 2006;
- b) Los servicios del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento a 40 países que operan al amparo del Artículo 5 para ejecutar eficazmente los planes de acción que dichos países presentaron al Comité de Aplicación; y
- c) El apoyo a más de 70 países que operan al amparo del Artículo 5 para que notifiquen a la Secretaría del Ozono los datos de 2006, de conformidad con el Artículo 7 del Protocolo de Montreal, y para que informen a la Secretaría del Fondo Multilateral sobre la marcha de las actividades de aplicación de los programas de país.

5. Otros logros incluyen también:

- a) La organización de visitas de país, reuniones bilaterales y modalidades regionales específicas para abordar cuestiones de cumplimiento;
- b) La cooperación entre países del sur por medio de la organización de reuniones temáticas, capacitación e intercambio de expertos en iniciativas y prioridades regionales específicas, entre las que se encuentran la ejecución de la legislación sobre las SAO (Afganistán, Kirguistán, Maldivas, Turkmenistán), la elaboración y ejecución del Plan de gestión para la eliminación definitiva (región de África), así como sobre el metilbromuro (Armenia, Ecuador, Georgia) y la refrigeración (Haití);
- c) El apoyo relativo a los criterios mediante la supervisión del estado en que se encuentra la ejecución de las legislaciones nacionales sobre SAO en los países en cuestión y la asesoría y orientaciones sobre el examen y la mejora de los criterios actuales (Armenia, Bahrein, Bosnia y Herzegovina, Brunei, República Islámica del Irán, países insulares del Pacífico, Qatar y Yemen);
- d) La facilitación de la comunicación entre los países pertinentes y el Comité de Aplicación;
- e) El continuo apoyo al fortalecimiento de la capacidad para los nuevos funcionarios del ozono y el apoyo a las Unidades Nacionales del Ozono por medio de reuniones entre miembros de la red, la aplicación de la Guía para los nuevos funcionarios del ozono, así como visitas a los países, si así fuera necesario, (Burkina Faso, Comoras, Camerún, República Islámica del Irán, Kuwait, Malawi, Maldivas);
- f) La promoción de medidas para facilitar la lucha contra el comercio ilegal, la organización de discusiones regionales y subregionales sobre las importaciones y exportaciones de SAO y el control del comercio fronterizo ilegal, la continuación

- de los mecanismos vigentes, tales como el mecanismo voluntario de previo consentimiento informado entre países, especialmente en la región de Asia y del Pacífico, y la implantación de proyectos tales como el de "Sky Hole Patching"; y
- g) Las actividades de fomento de la sensibilización, tales como el Quiz Regional sobre el Ozono Quiz (Asia y el Pacífico).
- 6. El PNUMA indicó que tenía la intención de proporcionar un informe más detallado en el contexto de su informe sobre los progresos anuales de actividades realizadas en 2007, a ser presentado a la 55ª Reunión.

Cambios en el presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento

- 7. El presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento propuesto para 2008 es de 9 178 255 \$EUA, incluyendo el 8 por ciento en concepto de gastos de apoyo al organismo. Este monto es superior al presupuesto propuesto para 2007 en un 6,2 por ciento, y constituye un incremento del 58,8 por ciento con relación al presupuesto original del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento aprobado en la 35ª Reunión del Comité Ejecutivo celebrada en 2002.
- 8. El actual incremento propuesto por el PNUMA parece además infringir lo prescrito en la decisión 47/24 a) iii) del Comité, por la que se instruye al PNUMA restringir los incrementos de sus presupuestos al 3 por ciento como máximo y reasignar entre las diversas partidas del presupuesto para poder atender los cambios de prioridades. Los principales cambios entre el presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al presupuesto aprobado para 2007 y el propuesto para 2008 se indican seguidamente.

Costos de personal

9. El PNUMA

- 9. El PNUMA atribuye el incremento en su presupuesto general propuesto principalmente al aumento de los costos salariales. Como se indica en su documento del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento que se adjunta, la subida de los costos de personal en un 8 por ciento en 2008 se debe a los cambios sufridos en el costo de vida de las diversos lugares de destino¹, a las fluctuaciones de las tasas de cambios entre el dólar de los EUA y las divisas locales, y a los incrementos anuales reglamentarios del Sistema de las Naciones Unidad relativos a la duración del periodo de servicio del personal. El incremento total del 8 por ciento solicitado para todos los costos de personal (renglones 1199 y 1399, de la versión inglesa) asciende a 333 503 \$EUA.
- 10. En el presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento, los costos de personal recogidos en el proyecto (partida 1199) presentaban ya un incremento general comprendido entre el 6 y el 8 por ciento, lo que está en línea con las recomendaciones efectuadas por el PNUMA para reflejar el ajuste de los costos de personal correspondiente a dicho ejercicio. En éste mismo ejercicio, los costos por el personal de servicio y el de asistencia temporal (partida 1399)

¹ El personal dedicado al Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento se encuentra emplazado en 5 lugares de destino diferentes, a saber: Bangkok, Manama, Nairobi, la Ciudad de Panamá y Paris.

aumentó tan sólo en un 3,5 por ciento general, lo que fue necesario para tener en cuenta los costos estimados de personal para 2007.

Costos operativos

- 11. Los costos de desplazamiento del personal aumentaron en un 2,6 por ciento y la financiación de las oficinas regionales del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento, encargadas del apoyo a los subcontratos de expertos técnicos especializados en las zonas designadas, aumentaron en un total del 5,9 por ciento (6%).
- 12. En el componente de capacitación (partida 3999), todas las partidas muestran un incremento del 3 por ciento, salvo la partida 3302 específica a las reuniones de la red regional correspondientes a África, en la que se busca un monto adicional de 60 000 \$EUA, lo que equivale a un incremento del 24 por ciento para este renglón, además del 3 por ciento solicitado respecto del presupuesto de 2007 para esta misma partida. Este incremento no se ve respaldado por la reasignación de otras partidas del presupuesto, si bien representa una solicitud singular que el PNUMA justifica por haber subido las tarifas del pasaje aéreo para los participantes en las reuniones de la red. En general, la partida del componente de capacitación muestra un aumento del siete por ciento (7 %).

Costos programáticos

- 13. El componente de subcontratos (partidas presupuestarias 2212 a 2216) incluye una solicitud por monto un total de 233 652 \$EUA para dar continuidad a los proyectos regionales anuales de sensibilización financiados separadamente a partir de 2001, de conformidad con las Enmiendas del Programa de Trabajo del PNUMA, e implantados por cada región de la red. Este monto refleja un incremento del 11,7 por ciento, respecto del presupuesto aprobado de 2007 para sufragar el incremento de los costos de sensibilización regional, que inicialmente se aprobó en 2005 en 200 000 \$EUA. El mayor incremento se recoge en la partida 2216, un incremento en las actividades de sensibilización regional de la red ECA, lo que refleja un aumento del 80 por ciento en relación con el ejercicio de 2007. Se proporciona información detallada de este programa en el Anexo IV de la presentación del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento del PNUMA.
- 14. Se toma nota de que, además del incremento solicitado para la red ECA que se recoge en el párrafo 13, el PNUMA busca también financiación para un proyecto singular de traducción de documentos al ruso necesarios para las actividades de la red ECA dedicadas a las enmiendas del programa de trabajo, por un monto de 60 000 \$EUA para un periodo de tres años (UNEP/OzLPro/ExCom/53/18).
- 15. El PNUMA incluyó también en su presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento las finanzas para los medios de difusión dedicados a la sensibilización (partida 2305) que ya fueron aprobadas en la 47ª Reunión. Se toma nota de que se ha efectuado una reasignación entre la partida 2302 dedicada a los costos relativos al Boletín de información AcciónOzono y la partida 2305 dedicada a los medios de difusión adaptables. La partida 2302 se ha reducido y los fondos se han transferido a la partida 2305, incrementando así ésta última en un 65 por ciento, al tiempo que se reducen los costos relativos al Boletín de información

AcciónOzono. Todo ello lleva el presupuesto total propuesto del PNUMA destinado al incremento de la sensibilización para el ejercicio de 2008 hasta un monto de 437 069 \$EUA (total de partidas comprendidas entre 2212 a 26, incluida la partida 2305). De conformidad con lo estipulado en el inciso ii) del párrafo a) de la decisión 47/24, el PNUMA ha facilitado los pormenores pertinentes sobre el empleo los fondos mundiales que apoyan el incremento de la sensibilización y que figuran en el Anexo VI de la presentación del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento.

16. El PNUMA indica en sus documentos que las partidas ajenas a los salarios se incrementaron tan sólo en un 3 por ciento, si bien del análisis realizado por la Secretaría se deriva que el incremento general para el ejercicio de 2008 (incluyendo todos los costos ajenos a los salarios) alcanza el 4,7 por ciento, lo que equivale a 161 881 \$EUA.

Utilización del presupuesto en 2006

17. El PNUMA revirtió a la 50^a Reunión un total de 111 925 \$EUA de su presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento de 2005. Basándose en la información que se recoge en su informe sobre la marcha de las actividades de 2006, el PNUMA señaló que el presupuesto mundial del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento arroja un saldo de 682 674 \$EUA que se ha reseñado en su totalidad como obligaciones pendientes de pago; así pues, el PNUMA no revirtió a la 52^a Reunión ningún fondo del presupuesto de 2006 correspondiente al Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento, de conformidad con la decisión 35/36 d).

COMENTARIOS

Presentación del presupuesto mundial

- 18. El factor clave en la presentación del presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento del PNUMA para 2008 es la petición de 9 178 255 \$EUA en su presupuesto básico (incluidos los costos de apoyo) en el que se incluye un incremento del 6,2 por ciento, lo que no parece de conformidad con lo prescrito por la decisión 47/24 en la que se instruye al PNUMA a que sus incrementos no superen el 3 por ciento como máximo.
- 19. En respuesta a la instrucción de la Secretaría por la que se pide que se clarifique el incremento adicional del 8 por ciento correspondiente a todas las partidas relativas al personal, además de la justificación de la inflación, el PNUMA facilitó también una tabla en la que se indica los costos incurridos durante los tres últimos ejercicios en concepto de costos de personal, como base para la comparación entre los costos actuales y los planeados para 2008. En su análisis de estas tablas, la Secretaría tomó nota de que:
 - a) Habida cuenta de los saldos indicados desde 2005, los costos conexos a las partidas del personal de servicios generales no respaldan la solicitud del PNUMA de un incremento adicional;
 - b) Algunas de las partidas dedicadas al personal profesional indicaron un inusitado y elevado exceso sobre la asignación, especialmente en el ejercicio 2006, que se

- atribuyó a diferencias en el nivel aprobado en relación con el nivel resultante del titular (partida 1102);
- c) Existen dos partidas presupuestarias para el personal (1127 y 1128) que no corresponden con las aprobadas por el Comité en el presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento de 2007.
- d) Los costos conexos al puesto de Funcionario de la oficina de ayuda (partida 1107, por un monto de 135 000 \$EUA) arroja un saldo en el haber 2006 como consecuencia de la renuncia del titular, habiéndose comenzado una nueva contratación para 2007; y
- e) Los desembolsos previstos hasta finales de 2007 muestran que los fondos asignados en el marco del presupuesto para 2007 serán suficientes para cubrir los costos de personal.
- 20. Tras pedírsele una aclaración sobre todo lo indicado *supra*, el PNUMA señaló que el incremento solicitado para cubrir los costos salariales se presentan fundamentándose en las "mejores estimaciones de los costos reales incurridos en ejercicios anteriores". El PNUMA mencionó además que realizarán nuevos contratos en 2008 que incrementarán también los costos. El PNUMA no ha indicado qué puestos se contratarán en 2008.
- 21. Además de los incrementos salariales, el PNUMA ha incrementado también todas las partidas ajenas a los salarios, en su mayoría al 3 por ciento, habiendo algunas que arrojan un incremento mayor (párrafos 11 a 15 indicados *supra*). El PNUMA indicó que estos incrementos se deben a que se han efectuado más asignaciones a las redes regionales con miras a atender a las urgentes necesidades y compensar las tendencias inflacionistas. Al buscarse una aclaración sobre cómo se están abordando tales reasignaciones financieramente, el PNUMA señaló que la "repriorización no figura en las partidas del presupuesto, sino en las actividades conexas de las mismas". Así pues, del presupuesto actualmente presentado no puede determinarse claramente de dónde vienen y a dónde van estas reasignaciones a favor de las redes regionales. Los presupuestos actuales de las redes parecen seguir inalterados (con un incremento del 3 por ciento), salvo la red regional de África para la que, además del tres por ciento, se solicita otro incremento (véase el párrafo 12 anterior) y la red regional para ECA que disminuyó en 30 000 \$EUA.
- 22. La incorporación de los fondos de sensibilización regional y mundial al presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento es conforme a la decisión 47/24 y a la presentación del PNUMA de un presupuesto unificado al Comité Ejecutivo. Sin embargo, aunque el total de éstos dos fondos se aprobó originalmente por un monto de 320 000 \$EUA, la cifra que se propone actualmente para 2008 alcanza los 437 069 \$EUA, incluyendo un monto reasignado en concepto de costos por el Boletín AcciónOzono. En su respuesta a las pesquisas de la Secretaría, el PNUMA indicó que la reasignación de los fondos respondía a "una repriorización de sus actividades de intercambio de información según las necesidades y a las recomendaciones recibidas de la Reunión del Grupo de Asesoramiento sobre el Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento y de la decisión 50/26", todo lo que, por ende, dio lugar a nuevas actividades a las

que atenderán estas asignaciones presupuestarias. El PNUMA informó de que en 2008, los fondos de sensibilización mundiales se emplearán como sigue:

- a) Elaborar una Guía para profesores de escuelas secundarias, siguiendo un proceso participatorio, en estrecha cooperación con las Unidades Nacionales del Ozono y otras partes, en inglés, francés y español;
- b) Elaborar una Guía de recursos sobre cómo emplear los medios educativos y de sensibilización con miras a los acontecimientos del Día Internacional del Ozono de 2008. Este juego de medios incluirá todos los materiales relativos a la serie *Ozzy Ozono*, por país o sector privado, que se facilitará a todos los participantes de los países que operen al amparo del Artículo 5;
- c) Elaborar un folleto ilustrado para la serie *Ozzy Ozone* en el que se trate la sensibilización sobre los hidrofluorocarbonos (HCFC) y la eficiencia energética (es decir, siguiendo las recomendaciones del Grupo de asesoramiento sobre el Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento para reorientar los actuales servicios con el fin de abordar tales HCFC);
- d) Lanzamiento del sitio Web *Ozzy Ozone* en español en 2008; y
- e) Crear una red mundial de organizaciones ONG, maestros y escuelas que evolucionará en estrecha cooperación con tales ONG para asegurar la distribución adecuada de los medios materiales en las respectivas regiones y fomentar la estrategia educativa mundial AcciónOzono.
- 23. El PNUMA ha presentado las razones que justifican el incremento salarial y de otros costes, si bien no ha explicado con suficiente claridad las reasignaciones entre las partidas del presupuesto, ni el mecanismo por el que cubren los incrementos, de conformidad con lo prescrito por las decisiones 47/24 y 50/26. El PNUMA señala que han repriorizado y mantenido los incrementos al límite del 3 por ciento. Cierto es que los incrementos en sus presupuestos de 2006 y 2007 se mantuvieron al 3 por ciento. Pero el incremento medio general del presupuesto para el Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento ha superado el 7 por ciento en el último lustro y el presupuesto que se presenta actualmente alcanza casi el 6 por ciento del presupuesto aprobado originalmente en 2002.
- 24. Tras un debate, el PNUMA mostró su desacuerdo con la recomendación de la Secretaría de mantener su incremento presupuestario al nivel prescrito por la decisión 47/24, es decir, al 3 por ciento respecto del anterior ejercicio, y reasignar las partidas presupuestarias para poder atender a los cambios necesarios en su actual presupuesto propuesto.
- 25. La decisión 35/36 d) prescribe que el PNUMA devuelva los saldos sin gastar del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento del anterior ejercicio, lo que conllevaría la devolución al MLF en 2007 de los saldos sin gastar correspondientes al programa de 2006. El PNUMA ha indicado que, como se recoge en su informe sobre la marcha de las actividades, el saldo de 682 674 \$EUA de su presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento de 2006 constituye fondos ya comprometidos.

RECOMENDACIONES

- 26. Habida cuenta de la información facilitada por el PNUMA y de todo lo indicado *supra*, la Secretaría no encuentra posible recomendar el presupuesto de Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento del PNUMA para el ejercicio 2008 por el monto de 9 178 255 \$EUA, incluido el costo del ocho por ciento en concepto de apoyo al organismo (el cual representa un incremento de 535 015 \$EUA respecto del presupuesto del ejercicio de 2007) fundamentándose en que:
 - a) El incremento solicitado no cumple lo prescrito por decisión 47/24;
 - b) El PNUMA no ha facilitado una justificación clara que permita dilucidar cómo se reasignaron los fondos entre las diversas partidas en apoyo al incremento solicitado, como se dispone en la decisión antedicha y en la decisión 50/26.
- 27. El Comité Ejecutivo quizá desee considerar:
 - a) Aprobar el presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento a un nivel que cumpla con lo estipulado por la decisión 47/24 a condición de que el PNUMA presente a la Secretaría a un presupuesto revisado por un monto de 8 243 090 \$EUA, más costos del 8 por ciento de apoyo al organismo por un monto de 659 447 \$EUA, cifras que representan un incremento del 3 por ciento respecto del ejercicio anterior; y
 - b) Solicitar al PNUMA que, en las futuras presentación del presupuesto:
 - i) continúe facilitando información pormenorizada sobre las actividades a las que se destinen los fondos mundiales; y
 - ii) continúe incluyendo la priorización de los fondos entre las partidas del presupuesto del Programa de asistencia al cumplimiento con miras a poder hacer frente a los cambios en prioridades; y a que facilite detenidamente las reasignaciones efectuadas en sus presupuestos habida cuenta de las prescripciones de las decisiones 47/24 y 50/26;
 - c) Solicitar al PNUMA que notifique el número actual de personal e informar al Comité Ejecutivo sobre cualquier cambio a su respecto, especialmente en lo tocante al incremento en las asignaciones presupuestarias.

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UNEP CAP BUDGET 2008

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. This document presents the proposed 2008 annual core budget of the UNEP Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) for the consideration of the Executive Committee.
- 2. It comprises three parts. Part I presents an overview of the budget and the methodology used to develop it. Part II presents the proposed 2008 budget table. Part III contains annexes that provide additional information about CAP activities and other information required by specific Executive Committee decisions.
- 3. Decision 47/24 limits increases in the CAP budget to 3%, unless the Executive Committee is given evidence that inflationary pressures justifies otherwise. For the 2008 budget, all non-salary costs are within the 3% per cent requirement. This increase follows the inflationary trend worldwide.
- 4. The total cost of the proposed 2008 CAP budget is US\$ 8,498,384. The programme support costs for this allocation is US\$ 679,871.
- 5. UNEP is requesting an exception to increase the salary lines above the 3% threshold to account for salary and salary cost increases since 2005, which were not reflected in earlier CAP budgets. The salary component of the budget (excluding temporary assistance) represents an 8% increase compared to the 2007 budget. The justification for this increase is provided in the Methodology section below.
- 6. This budget reflects Executive Committee decisions related to CAP including *inter alia*:
 - Decision 47/24, which requires UNEP to continue to report on the actual allocation and use of the 8% programme support costs between support services pertaining to the implementation of the CAP.
 - Decision 50/26, which allows UNEP to extend the prioritization of funding among CAP budget lines so as to accommodate changing priorities. The decision also requires UNEP to include in the CAP budget details on the activities for which the funds for global awareness-raising will be used.
 - Decision 52/7 which followed the Final Report on the Evaluation of the CAP Programme, and which requests UNEP to consider further regionalization of CAP resources and to focus the CAP on specific priority areas and activities.

METHODOLOGY

- 7. UNEP used the following methodology to develop the 2008 CAP budget:
- 8. UNEP used several key <u>inputs</u> to prepare the budget. Firstly, UNEP evaluated the need of countries operating under Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol regarding compliance with the upcoming control measures, as well as other needs expressed through the Regional Networks. This information came from *inter alia*:

- Data collected during Network meetings and through direct consultations with National Ozone Units, other Implementing Agencies and executing partners.
- Executive Committee document 52/7, Status/Prospects of Article 5 Countries in Achieving Compliance with the Initial and Intermediate Control Measures of the Montreal Protocol.
- Implementation Committee document 39/4, *Licensing systems Report by the Secretariat*.
- 9. Accordingly, and in line with decision 52/7, the CAP activities funded under this proposed 2008 budget will focus on countries in potential or actual non-compliance, taking into account the difficulties of a number of countries in meeting the 85 per cent reduction target for CFC in 2007, to be followed by the total phase-out of CFCs, halons and carbon tetrachloride by 31 December 2009.
- 10. Secondly, UNEP has planned CAP activities with the other Implementing and bilateral Agencies through the Business Planning process, and through multilateral and bilateral consultations.
- 11. Thirdly, UNEP sought the advice of the experts who participated in the September 2007 meeting of the Informal CAP Advisory Group. All of these inputs have been translated into a budgetary requirement that is consistent with the priorities established in UNEP's 2007-2009 Business Plan.¹
- 12. The proposed 2008 CAP budget is based on compliance-related decisions taken through the 52nd Executive Committee meeting and the 19th Meeting of the Parties (MOP), with the following notable exception: the 19th MOP took a decision, *inter alia*, to accelerate the HCFC phase out schedule for Article 5 countries and as a matter of priority, assisting Article 5 Parties in conducting surveys to improve reliability in establishing their baseline data on HCFC. The same decision directs the Executive Committee, in providing technical and financial assistance, to pay particular attention to Article 5 Parties with low volume and very low volume consumption of HCFCs. UNEP therefore seeks to revise the CAP budget in 2008 based on the possible decisions to be taken at the 54th Executive Committee meeting (this also provides an opportunity for UNEP to further address Decision 52/7 for additional regionalization of CAP resources).
- 13. <u>Forecasts of future CAP costs</u> were based on an analysis of past expenditures and cost trends. The general trend is that overall costs have increased, however cost increases were higher for expenditures that depended on external variables, notably the salary costs of professional staff. Both salaries and salary costs have been steadily increasing since 2005 due to various factors as explained below:
- 14. The principal cause of salary increases are: changes in the cost of living at the different duty stations²; fluctuations in the exchange rates between the US dollar and local

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¹ See UNEP's 2007-2009 Business Plan for detailed information on programme priorities, support for compliance to individual countries and information activities.

² CAP staff are based at 5 different duty stations, i.e. Bangkok, Manama, Nairobi, Panama City and Paris.

currencies; and the UN established yearly increases related to length of staff service. From January 2005 to August 2007, the data from the International Civil Service Commission indicates that the salary and post adjustment for professional staff increased by 11% at the different duty stations relevant to CAP. The increase in general staff salaries has been over 6% in the same period.

- 15. Salary costs are expenses related to the status of the individual staff in addition to his/her salary, and are related primarily to the family structure and duty station. The principle cause of salary cost increases are: the number of the staff's dependants; the place of recruitment or repatriation; education grants, subsidies to house rent and medical insurance; installation and separation grants; accrued leave; home leave; and security allowances, security services and equipment. Since 2005 there has been a substantial fluctuation in many of these aspects for CAP staff in all 5 duty stations. Salary cost is the factor which has contributed the most to the greater than 3% increase in the salary component of the 2008 CAP budget.
- 16. Movements in CAP professional staff, such as resignations and new hires, have played a major role in cost increases: eight recruitments and resignations occurred in the 2005-2007 period. Among other costs, these movements involve installation and repatriation grants and payments of accrued leave. Additionally, the increasing number of eligible staff receiving rental subsidy, education grants, new dependents due to the birth of children, and higher costs for home leave has contributed to the costs increases produced by staff movements. In 2005-2007, the resulting shortfalls in the salary allocations of the CAP budget were compensated to a certain degree by the delay of new recruitments or by recruiting temporary replacements.
- 17. Trends in individual salary costs were analysed. However, it was concluded that it would not be practical to base the 2008 budget on individual salary cost estimations since changes in family or contractual status could create deviations of up to 40%. Thus, the figures presented for staff salaries are best estimates based on actual costs incurred in earlier years. Assumptions made by UNEP in developing these estimates are indicated in the "CAP 2008 Budget Details" section below.
- 18. For the non-salary component of the budget related to the <u>regions</u>, achievements in the regional execution of CAP 2005-2007 were analysed³. An assessment of each regional allocation in relation to the current conditions was undertaken, as well as actual expenditures and estimated expenditures in 2007. This analysis provided estimations for travel costs and operational expenditures such as rent, maintenance and communications, among others.

CAP 2008 BUDGET DETAILS

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³ Highlights and achievement of CAP from January to August 2007 are summarised in Annex II to V. Comprehensive details of activities carried out and services provided by CAP in 2007 will be submitted to the Executive Committee as part of the regular Progress Reporting process.

- 19. The budget table is presented in Annex I. The main changes in this year's budget compared to 2007 are as follows:
- 20. <u>Staff, Regional Network/thematic meetings, and South-South cooperation (lines 1100s, and 3202-3316).</u> In accordance with decision 52/7, CAP activities under the proposed 2008 budget will focus on:
 - Latecomers to the Montreal Protocol and the late-ratifiers to the key amendments, to strengthen their institutional structures and develop local capacities, and to facilitate the establishment of appropriate ODS-related legislation and regulations;
 - Further involving more advanced and experienced Article 5 countries that consistently comply with the Montreal Protocol, to assist and advise less advanced countries in the same region;
 - Further strengthening local capacities of the 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 will develop and help implementing a strategy that will integrate the local training capacity created, into the national planning and vocational curriculum placing emphasis on national and institutional ownership and securing access to appropriate know-how beyond 2010;
 - Further promoting collaboration between national and regional customs and environmental authorities, in cooperation with professional associations, in order to strengthen the enforcement of legal regulations; and
 - Assisting, where applicable, the enforcement of unified regulations in regional customs unions or other areas of political and economic cooperation.
- 21. Regional allocations in the CAP budget (lines 1600s-2216, 3200s-5301 passim). The regional allocation of non-salary items in 2008 budget follows the same pattern as 2007. In line with Decision 52/7, in 2007 UNEP further regionalized CAP resources by reallocating funds earmarked for Paris to the regions as required. Additionally, the Paris-based IS/RMP/CP Officer (line 1108) is working increasingly on issues related to the Europe and Central Asia Regional Network, in line with the same decision. In 2008, UNEP will continue to consider further regionalization of CAP resources, in particular with regard to the 19th MOP decision on HCFCs.
- 22. All non-salary allocations for the regions are within the 3% increase with the exception of the allocation for Regional Network meetings in Africa (line 3302), which is US\$ 60,000 more than the 3% increase. This additional allocation, which is required to enable Network meetings to be held as programmed, is mainly due to elevated travel costs resulting from indirect airline routings that exist in Africa.
- 23. In accordance with decision 52/7, UNEP will closely coordinate its activities with other Implementing and bilateral Agencies, including those funded under the proposed 2008 CAP budget, in order to avoid overlapping actions; in particular, CAP staff will always consult with the lead agency for national phase-out plans, terminal phase-out management plans or other phase-out plans and projects before providing technical or policy advice.

- 24. Temporary assistance (line 1317): The allocation of US\$ 66,950 for temporary assistance is needed to cover peak workloads, maternity and sick leave replacements (according to UN regulations) and, in the case of the Africa Region, to cover the contract of a UN Volunteer. The 2008 allocation represents a 3% increase compared to the amount approved in the previous years' budget. In 2007 UNEP informed the Executive Committee that in cases where staff leave CAP, this allocation may need to be increased by transferring funds between budget lines.
- 25. <u>Regional awareness raising (lines 2212-2216)</u>. Following established practice, this budget allocation will be administered by the Regional CAP teams to undertake prioritised regional awareness activities decided by each Regional Network. In accordance with decision 52/7, this activity will give priority to latecomers to the Montreal Protocol to support their public awareness activities.
- 26. <u>Technical and policy information materials (line 2301)</u>. The title of the budget line in the 2007 CAP budget "Technical support for information systems" will be re-oriented to reflect the production of short information materials such as fact sheets on priority compliance issues.
- 27. Adaptable media materials for International Ozone Day (line 2305). This budget allocation will be used by the Information Clearinghouse to produce awareness raising materials for National Ozone Units that can be easily used, adapted and/or translated for use in the celebrations of the 2008 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer and other awareness events throughout the year. The materials will include a teacher's guide for secondary schools, a resource guide on how to use all Ozzy Ozone awareness and educational materials, media materials and an illustrated booklet in the Ozzy Ozone series related on HCFCs and related energy efficiency.
- 28. OzonAction Newsletter (line 2302). This budget allocation will be used by the Information Clearinghouse to produce and distribute in hardcopy and electronic format one large issue of the OzonAction Newsletter in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. This shift from three newsletter issues to one issue in a magazine format responds to the need to improve the timeliness and impact of this information product.
- 29. <u>Rent (lines 4300s)</u>. UNEP DTIE Paris, which included Paris-based CAP staff, moved premises within the city during the first quarter of 2007 and UNEP ROLAC, which included Mexico City-based CAP staff, moved offices to Panama City, Panama.

ACTION REQUESTED FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 30. UNEP requests the approval of the Executive Committee of the 2008 CAP budget, as contained in Annex I, amounting to US\$ 8,438,384 (plus agency support costs).
- 31. UNEP also seeks to revise the CAP budget in 2008 based on decisions taken at the 54th Executive Committee meeting concerning HCFCs

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		1108	IS/RMP/CP Officer	ECA	P3 P3	12	108,500	112,840		119,354	124,000	136,000		8% increase in relation to 2007:
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3303 ROLAC network Panama 145,000 145,800 160,000 166,400 171,000 176,130 181,414	
3304 ROAP-SA network Bangkok 56,000 60,000 80,000 83,200 86,000 95,000 97,850	
3305 ROWA network Bahrain 56,000 65,000 70,000 72,800 75,000 80,000 84,000 84,000	
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4199 Sub-total 44,000 60,960 66,518 68,363 52,000 49,045 48,276	
4200 Non-expendable equipment	
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	5102	Rental and maintenance of office equipment - Regions		30,000	37,000	33,400	34,336	33,000	29,600	30,488	
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5200	Report										
	5201	Reporting/reproduction costs		25,000	26,000	32,240	33,530	54,000	48,455	49,909	
	5202	Translations		0	20,000	30,200	36,608	40,000	29,815	34,074	
5299	Sub-to	tal		25,000	46,000	62,440	70,138	94,000	78,270	83,983	
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	5301	Communication & dissemination - Paris and ECA	Paris	160,000	166,400	173,056	179,978	197,000	201,895	207,952	
	5302	Communication - Regions		40,000		88,360				88,339	
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Annexes: CAP Budget and Work Programme 2008

Annex II: Highlights of CAP achievements in 2007 (9 months)

- Sixteen Article 5 countries which benefited from Regional Networking services provided by CAP returned to compliance as of 14 September 2007, in addition to 25 Article 5 countries that returned to compliance as of December 2006.
- CAP services benefited 40 Article 5 countries to effectively follow the action plans those countries submitted to the Implementation Committee.

Assistance with data reporting

Assistance for Article 5 countries to help them report timely and reliable Article 7 and Country Programme (CP) data is one of the most important types of assistance provided by the Regional CAP teams. As of 14 September 2007:

- 100% of Article 5 Parties reported baseline Article 7 data.
- Nearly 100% of Article 5 Parties reported their 2005 Article 7 data.
- More than 50% of Article 5 Parties reported their 2006 Article 7 data though the reporting deadline had not yet passed.
- More than 50% of Article 5 Parties had reported CP data as per the new web-based format and it is expected that all will report such data by the 3rd Executive Committee meeting of 2008.

ROA

In 2007, the ROA CAP team ensured countries reported data to both Secretariats following the latest reporting formats. Presentations on the reporting formats were made at both thematic meetings and main meetings of the Regional Networks. During Regional Network meetings and during the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) held in Nairobi in June 2007, specific guidance was given during bilateral discussions with National Ozone Units (NOUs) that required specific assistance. For countries preparing Total Phase out Management Plans (TPMPs) in 2007, the CAP ensured that the data reported were in line with the consumption figures as reported in the TPMP survey reports.

ROAP

In the ROAP region, CAP team provided assistance to countries with regard to data reporting to the Ozone Secretariat (OS) under Article 7 data and Country Programme (CP) progress reporting to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat (MFS). During the Joint Network Meeting of South Asia (SA) and South-East Asia and the Pacific (SEAP) held in Thimphu, Bhutan, in April 2007, a session was conducted by MLF staff on the data reporting requirements under CP progress reports and use of e-based reporting formats. Periodically, CAP team provides clarifications to the countries on CP progress reporting.

ROLAC

The ROLAC CAP team continually communicates with the 33 countries of the Latin America and Caribbean region with reminders about the deadlines for reporting to the MLF and OS. These communications are done during the meeting of NOUs and on the e-forums¹. In the communications to countries, reminders are made on the respective formats. This is especially useful in the case of the MLF as a new format was introduced in 2006.

Closer to the mandatory dates for reporting, the CAP liaises with the MLF and OS about countries that may not yet have submitted data². The CAP then works with such countries in getting the data submitted to the respective secretariats.

The ROLAC CAP team then follows up on submissions: CAP staffs coordinate with the countries on any queries that the respective Secretariats may have. For example, when the OS receives data, an email is sent to the NOU (with copy to the CAP) for verification of accuracy. There were cases in which the country requested changes before the data is officially registered. The CAP assists in the coordination on these requests.

CAP ROLAC also assists countries with specific needs for preparation and reporting of data. For 2006 data, CAP assisted 14 countries in the English Speaking Caribbean Region and 6 Latin American countries (Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, and Paraguay). This service included country missions to work with the NOUs and customs on the analysis for raw data, preparation of data forms, and cross checking that the data are provided in the correct formats required by the OS and MLF. This process also entails training and retraining of the NOU in data management and reporting. ³

ROWA

The issue of quality and timely reporting received considerable attention from the West Asia CAP team in 2007 through allocating special explanatory sessions in the Regional Network meetings, close follow-up on timely reporting and ensure complete and consistent completion of the new forms.

ECA

The ECA network countries have an excellent track of Article 7 data reporting and usually do not require substantive assistance. In some cases, the ECA CAP team performed follow ups and reminders about the deadlines for submission, which have proven useful. As of mid August 2007, 8 out of 13 ECA network countries reported Article 7 data for 2006.

The ECA Network meeting in Turkmenistan included a forum on verification of Article 7 data quality and was facilitated by the representative of the OS.

¹ The ROLAC CAP manages two e-forums in Spanish and English.

² This is necessary as countries may submit directly to the secretariats without copying the CAP

³ The training of the NOO has become an ongoing task due to the frequent changes of officers

Special assistance to countries in actual or potential non-compliance

ROA

Through out the year, the ROA CAP team has been reviewing the countries' compliance status in order to guide the NOUs on the way forward. CAP has been liaising with the OS on cases of countries where feedback was required. Limited funding for staff travel did not allow specific mission for cases of non-compliance in 2007, as most regional travel funds were used in TPMP preparation.

ROAP

The ROAP CAP team provided special assistance to countries through informal advisory group discussions during Regional Network meetings. Here, besides inputs from CAP, inputs from other Implementing Agencies, the OS, MLF and other implementation partners are provided to the countries on achieving compliance targets. Potential compliance issues are appropriately highlighted to the respective countries so that they can take timely corrective measures to achieve compliance. This is done in close cooperation with other Implementing Agencies (e.g. Fiji in case of methyl bromide, Pakistan in case of carbon tetrachloride, CTC). During inter-agency meetings, assistance is provided to the countries in understanding compliance issues confronting them and the actions needed to ensure that such issues are addressed. (e.g., Iran in case of CFCs)

ROLAC

The ROLAC CAP team provided Cuba with guidance on the use of CTC as a solvent in the preparation of packaging material for tobacco processing. Cuba's concern was whether the volume imported was to be considered as consumption. The CAP team coordinated with the Legal Officer of the OS and advised country accordingly, based on the OS' guidance.

The ROLAC CAP team also assisted countries of the English-speaking Caribbean and Haiti in the analysis of raw data, preparation and submission of reports to the respective Secretariats. These efforts enabled all countries (with the exception of the Bahamas) to submit their 2006 data to the OS and MLF before June 2007. The Bahamas submitted its 2006 data in August 2007.

The following countries received assistance in addressing non-compliance decisions and potential risk of non-compliance:

- **Dominica:** review of updated Plan of Action to return to compliance, coordinated with the OS and Party on the non-compliance decisions in preparation for the Implementation Committee meetings.
- Barbados and Haiti: follow-up on getting updates and responses to the letters of communication sent by the OS on the establishment of ODS licensing system. In both countries the ROLAC CAP team communicated with the respective line ministers on

the needs and obligation to establish ODS licensing systems. In 2005 for Barbados, and in 2006 for Haiti, CAP facilitated national policy workshops and provided support for the preparation of the draft regulations for the establishment of the ODS licensing systems.

- El Salvador: corrected data submission for CTC. This volume was first reported as CTC, in review of the technical specification and other supporting documents, the product was in fact R-134a. CAP coordinated with the country and OS to make this correction and avoid the country being placed in a potential non-compliance situation. CAP coordinated with the country for the preparation and submission of the letter to the OS for addressing potential non-compliance situation.
- Ecuador: received assistance in the preparation of the plan of action to return to compliance for methyl bromide. CAP is coordinating with the University of Chapingo (from Mexico), the NOU, the national University (and other national stakeholders), and The World Bank for the provision of technical support in order to encourage the use of alternative technologies in the cut flower industry. For Ecuador the World Bank is the lead Implementing Agency, therefore CAP's work has to be complementary to the World Bank's work. The CAP conducted a mission to the country and built national consensus on the Plan of Action to return to compliance which was then submitted to the OS.
- **Paraguay:** CAP assisted the country in reviewing data, provided guidance on the analysis of imports, classification and preparation of reports as well as in the preparation of the letter to the OS on compliance management for CTC and CFCs.
- **Guyana:** through the support given by CAP, Guyana was able to establish an ODS licensing system in July 2007. Guyana will now be in compliance with the Montreal Amendment.

ROWA

CAP ROWA introduced support to Saudi Arabia with regard to its request to change the baseline data for methyl bromide through providing technical expertise to assess the sectoral consumptions and prepare the detailed report as per Decision XV/19. The West Asia CAP team is also following up with United Arab Emirates on clarification requested by the Implementation Committee on its CFC and CTC consumption although the country did not ask for assistance.

ECA

The ECA CAP team facilitated the following special assistance to countries in actual or potential non-compliance:

- Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Turkmenistan, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, UNDP participated in the contact group meeting of Russian speaking countries on start-up and implementation of TPMPs held in Moldova, 27-28 June 2007.
- **Montenegro** received country-to-country assistance from Macedonia FYR, Serbia with the involvement of UNIDO and UNEP to kick off the preparation of the CP and TPMP. The meeting took place in Montenegro, 26-29 June 2007

- Green Customs Coordinator participated in RILO WE meeting, Finland, 19-20 June 2007
- Bosnia & Herzegovina received country-to-country assistance from Croatia on RMP implementation and compliance issues. The meeting took place in Croatia, 25-26 April 2007.
- **Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan** participated in the Ammonia Refrigeration Technology Conference in Macedonia FYR, 19-21 April 2007.
- **Armenia, Georgia** participated in the 8th Fumigants and Pheromones Technical Conference in Germany, 6-8 March 2007.
- 12 ECA network countries (except Turkey), 4 CEIT countries, Fund Secretariat, Ozone Secretariat, European Commission, Czech Republic, Hungary, 3 implementing agencies, EIA, RILO CIS and IIR participated in the ECA network meeting in Turkmenistan, 26 February 2 March 2007.

Other assistance modalities, such as South-South cooperation

ROA

In 2007 the ROA CAP team organized 5 sub-regional thematic meetings on TPMP preparation using a combination of the Regional Network travel budget and countries' TPMP preparation funds, bringing together NOUs and national refrigeration consultants involving about 35 countries in the Africa region.

ROAP

The ROAP CAP team facilitated the following south-south cooperation:

- Training and other inputs provided through south-south cooperation (e.g., **Maldives** with assistance from Sri Lanka, **Afghanistan** with inputs from Iran)
- Cooperation on information sharing through informal PIC that results in controlling illegal trade thus facilitating compliance (e.g., information on import-export is shared between countries)
- Country level capacity building projects back to back with other missions/programs (e.g., Capacity building of **Bhutan** stakeholders back to back with network meeting)
- Assistance by Republic of Korea to Afghanistan on setting up training centres for refrigeration and air conditioning technicians in Afghanistan.

ROLAC

The ROLAC CAP team facilitated the following south-south cooperation:

- Brazil assisted **Haiti** in the training of air conditioning and refrigeration technicians in good practices in refrigeration.
- University of Chapingo (from Mexico) assisted **Ecuador** in adopting alternatives to methyl bromide in the Horticulture sector.
- Facilitating communication with USA and Canada for addressing trade including illegal trade in ODS and ODS containing technologies.

- Working with USAID and USEPA enhance the capacity of enforcement officials of member states of the Central America Free Trade Agreements (CAFTA) using the Green Customs Approach.
- Working with the North America Working Group on Environment Enforcement and Compliance Cooperation for the finalization of the e-learning tool on ODS for member states of North America.

ROWA

In the West Asia region, the South-South activities are planned for the last quarter of 2007. These will include facilitating the participation of non-West Asia countries in a regional round-table meeting on methyl bromide alternatives planned for December 2007 so that they can share their experience with phasing out methyl bromide.

ECA

The following activities were or are currently being organized by the ECA CAP team under South-South cooperation:

- Georgia and Kyrgyzstan provided country-to-country assistance to **Turkmenistan** and acted as resource persons in a national stakeholder meeting (22-24 August 2007) concerning the phase-out of methyl bromide consumption in the post-harvest sector.
- Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan requested country-to-country assistance to continue consultations with China if possible in the context of ongoing activities led by the ROAP CAP team. GEF-funded CEIT countries could take part at their own cost. UNEP in coordination with ROAP CAP is currently consulting with China on possible dates and venues.
- ROWA CAP halon officer provided in-country assistance to **Armenia** on halon management and halon alternatives a visit to Yerevan was conducted on 5-6 July 2007.
- ROWA CAP halon officer provided in-country assistance to **Turkmenistan** on halon management and halon alternatives – a visit to Ashgabat was conducted on 9-10 July 2007.
- **Armenia** and **Georgia** sent their national methyl bromide expert to participate in the 8th Fumigants and Pheromones Technical Conference in Bremen, Germany, 6-8 March 2007.
- Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan sent their national refrigeration expert to take part in the Ammonia Refrigeration Technology Conference in Ohrid, Macedonia FYR, 19-21 April 2007.

Facilitation of communication with the Implementation Committee

<u>ROA</u>

Due to its location in Nairobi with the OS, the Africa CAP could closely monitor the situation of countries in non-compliance by holding discussion with OS staff on data reports and providing at time details on countries' status and also discussing with NOU on responses needed by Implementation Committee.

ROAP

In 2007, ROAP CAP provided assistance to the following countries on communicating with the Implementation Committee:

- Bangladesh on CFC consumption for metered dose inhaler (MDI) manufacturing.
- Iran on CTC consumption.
- **Fiji** on methyl bromide consumption.

ROAP CAP undertakes periodic follow-up in ensuring that the communications to the Implementation Committee are sent in a timely manner by the countries.

The team also provides assistance for implementation of systems to prevent potential compliance issues that arise out of lack of regulatory controls (e.g., quota system, effective enforcement of licensing system). Periodically potential concern areas that are brought to the notice of ROAP CAP through industry sources, implementation partners etc. are immediately communicated to the countries for their timely action.

ROWA

See inputs on "Special Assistance to countries in actual or potential on-compliance"

ECA

The ECA CAP team facilitated the communication between the OS and the Implementation Committee and the countries wherever required and possible in terms of Article 7 data reporting, confirmation of licensing systems, follow-up on responses, clarification of actions required or verification of contact / email addresses.

Similar follow-up was done concerning the reporting on CP implementation progress to the MFS as per the status received from the MFS.

Assistance in policy and legislation development and implementation

ROA

During the main Regional Network meeting and the thematic meetings and the joint meeting in 2007, the Africa CAP team prepared reports on the status of enactment and enforcement of ODS regulations in the regions and facilitated working sessions on the issue. The CAP staff also had regular contacts with NOUs where regulations were being prepared and provided guidance leading to the enactment of 2 new regulations in 2007 and 4 more countries may enact theirs before end of 2007.

ROAP

ROAP CAP assisted countries in the region to establish/improve appropriate legislation and regulations including an import and export licensing system, with focus on **Pacific Island countries**, **Iran** and **Brunei**. One of the highlights of the assistance is the formulation of general policy advice and suggestions for improvement of policies and legislation, specifically with regard to halon, methyl bromide and HCFC inclusion. Illustrative list of examples of support provided in this area are given below.

- In 2007, an **Iran** Committee composed of representatives from the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Industries & Mine, Customs Administration and Refrigeration Industries Syndicate was formed and they are responsible for dealing with registration of importers and issuing of licenses. Requirements and criteria for allocation, distribution and control of import quota among the recognized registered importers were elaborated and set forth.
- Improvement of reporting to the OS on implementation of licensing systems to conform to Article 4B para 3 and 4 of the Montreal Protocol. The information on licensing with the latest status of the licensing systems in all countries in the Region, for information and use by countries, OS, MFS and Implementing Agencies, is provided in an Excel database.
- Improved implementation of the licensing systems through the voluntary application of the informal Prior Informed Consent system, in cooperation with the European Commission. In 2007, 17 requests for confirmation of an import by the importing country were made by exporting countries, for them to take a decision on whether or not to give an export license. Of the 17 queries, ten export licenses were not given because the importer was not registered in the importing country, and five were given after conformance response by the importing country. The two remaining queries are still under scrutiny.

ROWA

The ROWA CAP continued to give high priority to policy development and enforcement; in 2007 **Qatar** introduced a new Law for ODS Control which was developed in line with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) unified regulation and in consultation with CAP. CAP is working also with **Yemen** in putting together the procedural documentation of the ODS legislation that was issued in 2006. CAP is joining the meetings of a national committee in **Bahrain** look after updating the local regulation. ROWA CAP is coorganizing in cooperation with the GCC Secretariat a special meeting for the GCC countries to enforce the unified regulation.

ECA

Bosnia & Herzegovina and **Armenia** reported to the OS that ODS legislation is in place and the ODS import / export licensing system is operational. **Montenegro** confirmed that the licensing system established before the declaration of independence is still in place and operational. Thus, all ECA network countries have established their licensing system.

Assistance in ratification of the Amendments and MP

ROA

Three African countries have completed the ratification of all amendments (**Algeria**, **Equatorial Guinea**, **Uganda**) to the Montreal Protocol in 2007 and two (2) others (The **Gambia**, **Benin**) have indicated that the process was completed and instructed their embassy for transmittal to the depository.

ROAP

East Timor is a non-Party. ROAP CAP is closely watching the political situation in the country so that suitably timed interventions can be initiated to encourage the country to ratify the Protocol and its Amendments. Further, high-level missions are also planned by ROAP CAP for expediting the ratification process. All other countries in the region are parties to the Protocol.

ROWA

Continuous efforts were made, at all possible levels, to make **Iraq** join the Ozone treaties through high level meetings with the Minister of Environment and follow-up with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Iraq Parliament accepted to ratify the Vienna Convention, the Montreal Protocol and its amendments and government notification is expected to be sent to the OS shortly. Additionally CAP continued following-up on the issue of ratifying amendments to Montreal Protocol and last July, **Kuwait** ratified the Beijing Amendment accordingly.

ECA

During the ECA network meeting in **Turkmenistan** March 2007, UNEP's Head of OzonAction Branch as well as representatives of other agencies met with H.E. Makhtumkuli Akmuradov, Minister of Nature Protection, and informed him of the importance of ratifying the remaining Montreal Protocol amendments. The Minister agreed to initiate the process and all remaining amendments have been coordinated with all relevant Ministries and have been submitted for the consideration by the President of Turkmenistan.

The agenda of the ECA network meeting included sessions on the ratification of the Montreal Protocol amendments and provided an overview of the ratification status of Montreal Protocol amendments in the regions as well as an overview of the ratification status of other MEAs and the designation of focal points for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and World Customs Organisation Regional Intelligence Liaison Offices (WCO RILOs). **Uzbekistan** delivered a presentation on their experience of ratifying the remaining Montreal Protocol amendments. Especially some Central Asian countries seem to have difficulties in ratifying the amendments.

Support to new Parties

ROA

ROA CAP accorded special attention to **Eritrea** and **Equatorial Guinea** for data reporting to meet reporting requirement in 2007 and also in preparation of CP/TPMP to ensure compliance with the phase-out schedule. The draft CP for Eritrea is ready for submission. Experts from other NOU offices in the region (Ghana, Togo) were identified to provide necessary guidance to NOU in Eritrea and Equatorial Guinea.

ROAP

ROAP CAP is giving assistance to **Afghanistan** and **Bhutan** on an ongoing basis on implementation of National Phase out Plan and RMP / TPMP, respectively.

ROLAC

There are no new Parties from the Latin America and Caribbean region.

ROWA

There are no new Parties during 2007 in West Asia

ECA

Montenegro declared its independence in June 2006 and was invited to participate in relevant activities of the ECA Regional Network including the thematic meeting on RMP/NPP implementation in Serbia (9.06) and the ECA Network meeting in Turkmenistan (2/3.07). Recently, Montenegro hosted the joint UNIDO/UNEP meeting in 6.07 to kick off the CP/TPMP preparation and to organise a stakeholder consultation to ensure the support and cooperation in implementing the TPMP. The Ozone Officers of Macedonia FYR and Serbia provided country-to-country assistance during this meeting and shared their experience on TPMP preparation and implementation.

Capacity Building of new National Ozone Officers

ROA

More experienced NOUs continued to assist their counterparts in preparation of various reports (**Burkina Faso**, **Comoros**, **Cameroon**, **Malawi** were particularly active in 2007 for TPMP surveys, through bilateral at network meetings and one country visit).

ROAP

This is an ongoing and a priority activity for the regional CAP team. During the last three years, special emphasis was laid on assisting countries (both LVCs like **Bhutan**, **Maldives** and large countries like **Iran**) in understanding the implementation needs and activities relating to the Montreal Protocol. While part of the assistance is provided through a bilateral advisory support to the country, regional training programs, study tours as well as South-South cooperation programs and training programs implemented by Japan's International Cooperation Agency (JICA) are designed and implemented for bilateral support.

Some of the actions undertaken by CAP to assist the new NOUs are as follows:

- Special support was provided to **Afghanistan** and **Bhutan** to meet their targets. TPMP of Bhutan was also prepared and approved during the 52nd ExCom Meeting.
- Mission by Sri Lanka Ozone Officer to Maldives in March 2007 for capacity building of new Maldives Ozone Officer.
- Inputs were provided to the new **Iran** Ozone Officer during inter-agency meeting held in February 2007.

ROLAC

The CAP uses a multitude of tools for the training and capacity building of NOU teams depending on country specific needs. Some these are as follows:

- Use of the e-forum to provide updates on the developments of the Montreal Protocol and other communications from the OzonAction Information Clearinghouse, intelligence information on potential illegal trade of ODS, etc.
- Training at Network Meetings for specific topics such as data management, project reporting and implementation, addressing decisions of the Executive Committees and of the Meeting of Parties, etc.

ROWA

During the absence of the NOU of **Kuwait** on long leave, ROWA CAP worked very closely with the National Experts who were assigned to take over her responsibilities to maintain smooth operation of the NOU, developing and submitting reports (technical and financial) on timely manner and ensure continuation of implementation of ongoing projects.

ECA

The capacity of **Montenegro**'s new Ozone Officer was build through the immediate participation in ECA network activities including the thematic meeting on RMP / NPP implementation in Serbia (9.06) and the ECA network meeting in Turkmenistan (2/3.07). During each meeting, specific sessions were dedicated to the situation in Montenegro e.g. concerning ratification, baseline data, Article 7 data reporting and possible assistance from the Multilateral Fund.

Recently, Montenegro hosted the joint UNIDO / UNEP meeting in June 2007 to kick off the CP/TPMP preparation and to organise a stakeholder consultation to ensure the support and cooperation in implementing the TPMP. The Ozone Officers of Macedonia FYR and Serbia provided country-to-country assistance during this meeting and shared their experience from TPMP preparation and implementation. Further NOU training may conducted in Vienna jointly by UNIDO and UNEP as required.

The NOU Assistants of **Romania** and **Serbia** participated in the ECA network meeting to build their capacity because the Ozone Officers had to assume many other duties and therefore more responsibility was given to the NOU Assistants. The approach was well appreciated by all participants and we intend to continue this practice upon request where justified. In the case of Serbia, the Ozone Officer has left and currently the NOU Assistant who attended the ECA network meeting coordinates the most of the activities.

Additional CAP capacity-building activities

ROA

In 2007 the CAP activities in the Africa region were focused on the preparation of the final phase out plans for African countries. The CAP took the opportunity of the direct interaction with major stakeholders (refrigeration technicians, enforcement officers, training institutions, decision makers...) during the thematic meetings and country visits to discuss options for strengthening relevant institutions at country level to sustain the phase out beyond 2010. This was particularly the case in Benin, Comoros, The Gambia, Mali, Malawi, Niger, and Togo where training institutions expressed their keenness to include a full module on refrigeration good practices in their training programmes.

The Africa CAP is discussing with the WCO Regional Capacity Building Centre and the RILO liaison centre based in Nairobi on ways to institutionalize our cooperation on tracking illegal trade in ODS. An MOU has been drafted for that purpose with the WCO Capacity Building Centre and is awaiting approval by UNEP management.

ROAP

- Thematic workshops on prevailing ODS phase-out issues. (e.g., CFC, MDI phase-out related)
- Fact sheets jointly prepared with other implementation partners on specific ODS phase-out concerns. (e.g., on licensing system development, refrigeration and air conditioning blends)

- Development and capacity building through regional / national resource centres and resource persons. (e.g., India's NACEN on customs and policy training, RILO on trade monitoring)
- Country level stakeholder meeting (e.g., **Bhutan** held back to back with network meeting)
- Participation in regional SAICM meeting highlighting ozone issues and lessons learned from Montreal Protocol.
- Regional ozone awareness activity including regional quiz competition conducted in August 2007.

ROLAC

The ROLAC CAP staff would organize specific country meetings and facilitate dedicated training to meet national challenges. This training involves the NOU and other national stakeholders. Some examples are:

- Antigua and Barbuda and Guatemala Preparation of Institutional strengthening project including required reports for project completion.
- **Paraguay** collection of ODS data, analysis and preparation of data reports.

As an additional capacity-building activity ROLAC CAP organized a one-day subregional technical workshop on methyl bromide alternatives update, back-to-back with the regular meeting of MBTOC members. Melon growers and NOUs from **Costa Rica**, **Honduras** and **El Salvador** attended the Workshop.

ROWA

As part of addressing regional concerns and in line with recommendations of West Asia Network, ROWA CAP organized a special Capacity Building Workshop for **Iraq** and the **National Palestinian Authority** on identifying uses and sectors of ODS. The function was sponsored by the League of Arab states and the UNEP Regional Office for West Asia. Support was also given to Lebanon to build the capacity of national experts with regard to awareness raising issues through participation in special training programme at OzonAction/DTIE

ECA

The involvement of Ozone Officers or their representatives in international and regional meetings provides an opportunity to develop their skills, networks and knowledge.

The ECA network sponsored the participation of a few selected experts in international conferences:

• Methyl bromide experts from **Armenia** and **Georgia** participated in the 8th Fumigants and Pheromones Technical Conference in Bremen, Germany, 6-8 March 2007 and

- Refrigeration experts from **Georgia, Kyrgyzstan** and **Turkmenistan** in the Ammonia Refrigeration Technology Conference in Ohrid, Macedonia FYR, 19-21 April 2007.
- Ozone Officers from **Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan** and **Turkmenistan** participated on behalf of the ECA network in the RILO CIS meeting in September 2007, deliver presentations and discuss the proposed enforcement network for Central Asia.

In cases where few experts require training, this approach may be more cost efficient than organizing separate training sessions and inviting expensive international experts.

More events are being organized in which ECA country members shall take part on behalf of the ECA network:

- **Moldova**'s Ozone Officer will participate in the RILO-ECE meeting in October 2007 and deliver a presentation on illegal trade in ODS in the ECA region and report back to the ECA network.
- The Ozone Officers from **Kyrgyzstan** and **Romania** (NOU Assistant who participated in ECA network meeting) will participate as resource persons in the Environment for Europe conference in Belgrade in October 2007.

Combating illegal trade in ODS

ROA

Guidance was sought several times from the CAP by several NOUs (Mali, Malawi...) following customs at borders point impounding consignment of ODS or ODS containing equipments at border points. The CAP team organized south-south cooperation in such cases leading external funding being mobilized by UNEP for sub-regional GCI meeting involving 6 West African countries to discuss prevention of illegal trade in ODS and other chemicals.

In Togo and Democratic Republic of Congo, enforcement officers from Ministries of Trade sought guidance from CAP team in making control of ODS part of their routine quality control work. As a result, stock of low quality ODS imported illegally were seized in these two countries and the importers fined.

ROAP

ROAP CAP is encouraging the creation of institutionalized cooperation between key stakeholders involved in the fight against illegal trade in ODS. As per MOP decision XII/16 Para 7, CAP facilitates 'networking and twinning activities in the framework of regional networks aimed at the exchange of information and experience on trade in controlled ozone depleting substances between the Parties, including enforcement agencies'.

ROAP CAP activities undertaken in this connection are given below:

- Members of the Regional Network for South Asia and the Pacific developed mechanisms for exchange of information between major ODS producing countries of the region and importing countries.
- Started discussions with UNODC, Thailand and Laos for inclusion of ODS in the work of the Border Liaison Office at the Thai-Laos border
- Cooperated with RILO A/P and Asia country Governments for implementation and closure of the Project "Sky-Hole-Patching" to conduct intensive control actions on trans-boundary movements of ODS and hazardous waste, with the final report containing the conclusions and lessons learned from the operation expected by end 2007. The Operation "Sky-Hole-Patching" resulting in increased awareness on environmental crime and improved information on intelligence
- Started implementation of the MEA Regional Enforcement Networking project (REN) funded by Sida.
- Implemented Green Customs activities in the Asia Region, through organization of the Train the trainer Green Customs Workshop for WCO Regional Training Centres, Shanghai, May 2007, and the Greater Mekong Sub-Regional Green Customs Workshop in Bangkok, **Thailand**, September 2007
- Establishment and operation of the Secretariat of the Asia Regional Partners Forum on Environmental Crime.

<u>ROLAC</u>

To strengthen the fight against illegal trade in ODS in the Latin America and Caribbean region, the ROLAC CAP implements the following projects/activities:

- "Sub regional workshop for the English speaking Caribbean network for the Prevention and Control of Illegal Trade in ODS and of Technologies whose continued use are dependent on ODS" (July 2007). At this workshop there was 100% attendance by members of this network and represented by the NOO and customs official. Those who also attended as experts were UNDP, USAEPA, WHO RILO, EIA and senior customs officials from each of the 14 countries representing this network.
- The Latin America Custom Enforcement Network Project was approved by the Multilateral Fund and its implementation is in close cooperation with Environment Canada. This project, prior to submission to the 51st Executive Committee, received letters of support from the 20 participating countries. This project of Regional cooperation is aimed to control the trans-boundary movement of ODS, efficient enforcement of import/export controls, enhanced compliance with Montreal Protocol phase-out requirements and support to better practices in the servicing sector by preventing illegal supply of CFCs. The first meeting to launch this project was completed in August of 2007, during which the participating countries agreed to short, medium and long term objectives of the project. In the fist year, the short term objectives will be addressed. The second meeting to prepare an agreed work plan and

working group for the first year plan of action will be discussed and agreed to in the last quarter of 2007.

ROWA

Working with the GCC Secretariat to organize the first joint meeting for ODS Officers and Customs Officials, promoting the Green Customs Initiative through organizing 2 national workshops in Bahrain and Qatar (October 2007) to all local stakeholders involved in the trade related issue of substances/products controlled under MEAs. Negotiating with countries and regional bodies i.e. GCC, LAS, RILO & WCO, to develop a project establishing an enforcement network.

ECA

The close cooperation with the Regional Intelligence Liaising Offices (RILO WE, ECA and CIS) and the Environmental Investigation Agency continued in 2007. During the annual meeting of RILO CIS, half a day is dedicated to Montreal Protocol issues and representatives of the National Ozone Units of **Kyrgyzstan**, **Turkmenistan**, **Armenia** and **Georgia** will participate in the meeting.

Especially Central Asian countries, including the GEF-supported CEIT countries, expressed interest in preventing illegal trade in ODS and therefore, the proposed enforcement network (included in UNEP's 2007 Business Plan) will focus on these countries. UNEP intends to discuss the proposal during the RILO CIS meeting in Armenia (9.07) before submission to the 53rd Executive Committee meeting.

ROAP CAP has been inviting ECA network countries to join their initiative "Sky Hole Patching" and informal Prior Informed Consent and the countries have been informed about these initiatives during the ECA network meeting.

As a follow-up to the trilateral meeting between representatives of **Kazakhstan**, **Kyrgyzstan** and **China** held in August 2005, UNEP (in cooperation with ROAP) is currently consulting China to hold a follow-up meeting on preventing illegal trade (e.g. from illegal production, from stockpiles or contaminated and mislabeled refrigerants as recently detected in Armenia). Such meeting may possibly take place towards the end of 2007.

In order to raise high-level awareness on the Montreal Protocol and its contribution to preventing environmental crime and to climate change mitigation, UNEP is organizing a side event the during the Environment for Europe conference in Belgrade in October 2007. The event will be facilitated by the Director of UNEP's Regional Office for Europe and target high-level Government Officials and environmental journalists. Representatives of RILO CIS, NOU **Kyrgyzstan** and NOU **Romania** will deliver presentations and participate in the discussions.

Institutionalizing CAP activities

ROA

An MOU was drafted for Cooperation with RILO Regional Centers in Africa for information exchange on illegal trade in ODS.

Discussions are also ongoing with CEMAC for an agreement to review the training curricula at the sub-regional Customs training institute. Formalization of such cooperation is pending approval of the customs enforcement network for the Africa region that will allow equipping the training school and production of a training module.

ROAP

ROAP CAP continued initiatives with the National Academy of Customs Excise and Narcotics (NACEN) of **India** to build the capacity of customs officers in the region on the control and monitoring of illegal ODS trade. The center continues to provide training to customs officers in the region on controlling illegal trade.

ROAP CAP has institutionalised the training of refrigeration technicians by making it part of the curriculum of the **Nepal** Refrigeration Training Institute. CAP-ROAP is also working closely with the Government of **Afghanistan** and Republic of Korea to set-up a training institute for refrigeration technicians in Afghanistan.

ROWA

ROWA CAP worked with two leading institution in West Asia i.e. the American University in Beirut (AUB) and Kuwait University (KU) to develop and introduce the first engineering undergraduate course on ODS management. AUB introduced the course in 2007 Spring semester where 30 undergraduates completed it successfully and KU is currently offering the course for the 2007 Fall semester where 42 undergraduates are registered. ROWA CAP and the two institutions plan to evaluate the results of the course and update it by early 2008 in order to be ready for broader dissemination by other institutions in the region.

ECA

Building and maintaining partnerships is a strategic priority of the ECA Network and part of the output to achieving this is the ECA Network brochure which includes short descriptions and statements of all relevant partners and stakeholders of the network.

The main partners of the ECA network (and contributors to the brochure) and GEF-supported CEIT countries include the Czech Republic, Environmental Investigation Agency, European Commission, Green Customs Initiative, Hungary, International Institute of Refrigeration, Regional Intelligence Liaison Offices CIS and ECE, Stockholm Environment Institute, Ozone Secretariat, Global Environment Facility, UNDP, UNEP,

UNIDO, World Bank and UNEP's Regional Offices in Asia Pacific, West Asia and Europe.

In 2007, Hungary and Czech Republic continued its support to the ECA network and participated in the ECA network meeting in **Turkmenistan** in February. RILO CIS, with whom we established a Framework Agreement on Cooperation, participated in the ECA network meeting as well as representatives of the European Commission and the International Institute of Refrigeration.

The cooperation with the different RILO networks has been enhanced in 2007. UNEP's Green Customs Coordinator participated in the RILO West Asia meeting and provided a presentation on Green Customs and the ECA network. The Coordinator of the ECA network participated in the RILO CIS meeting and discussed the proposed enforcement network for Central and the possible role of RILO CIS.

National initiatives supporting sustained phase out including the cooperation with national training institutes, refrigeration associations and customs administrations have been highlighted during the ECA network meeting. It was found that the inclusion of Montreal Protocol related modules in the curricula of technical, secondary and primary schools may be time-consuming but worth doing. Therefore, UNEP's Education Pack has been translated into Russian. Similarly, **Kyrgyzstan** had prepared a text book for school teachers which is currently been adapted by **Turkmenistan** to national circumstances. **Croatia** is translating the Education Pack into Croatian and other countries from the same language family agreed to adapt it afterwards to their own language.

Annex III: Challenges ahead

ROA

Major challenges foreseen include the countries' preparedness to compile and report data on HCFC. Many countries have been reporting cases of obsolete ODS that cannot be recycled or contained in equipment which the owners do not want to re-use due to environment policies of some companies. Such cases were reported by Gabon for some oil companies that want to destroy ODS contained in their old refrigeration equipment. Similar cases are also reported by several West African Countries where the national branches of the West African Central Bank (UEMOA zone) are in contact with the NOU to remove stocks of Halons. No solution is foreseen so far for banking or destroying these unwanted ODS.

<u>ROAP</u>

- Sustaining the ODS phase out particularly CFC and methyl bromide consumption targets.
- Controlling illegal trade of ODSs
- Continuing implementation of project activities and achieving targets under NPPs and TPMPs.
- Monitoring and reporting of methyl bromide use and continuing application of measures towards achieving 2015 targets.
- HCFC phase out strategy development and implementation.
- Controlling emissions of ODSs in the existing banks and effective implementation of recovery related measures.
- Institutional continuity post 2010 scenario and related implementation issues.
- Institutionalising learning from Montreal Protocol implementation into other international environmental treaties and protocols.

ROLAC

- Management of the need for continuous training and retraining due to frequent change over of NOU.
- Maintain political and other high level interest and attention to the Montreal Protocol.
- Addressing the 85% reduction of Annex A Group 1 CFC in 2007.
- Reaching the CFC total phase out and maintaining compliance with zero level consumption of methyl bromide would be the major challenges in the short term.
- Completion of ratification of all amendments of the Montreal Protocol.
- Completion of establishment of ODS licensing system. For the Latin America and Caribbean region, Haiti and Barbados are still require the establishment of licensing system.
- Development and management of national capacities for the implementation of new decisions of the MOP.
- Identify national mechanisms that will ensure more timely implementation of projects.

- Continue building partnership with the other implementing agencies of the Montreal Protocol, to demonstrate positive synergies in our task to assist Parties.
- Prepare countries for post 2010, in the event that the international support for the continuation of the IS may not be available.
- Demonstrate to the wider UNEP communities the value added of the CAP and as a model of a useful regionalization tool and keeping with the vision of UNEP's Executive Director in being results oriented as we work with countries

ROWA

- In West Asia most countries feel that HCFC is, currently, the major challenge due to the high dependency on HCFCs in the air-conditioning sector because of harsh climatic conditions in most West Asia countries. However, maintaining the smooth compliance with CFC reduction and addressing the needs of large end-users beyond 2010 continue to be the most important priority.
- In addition to that, curbing illegal trade is considered one of the ongoing nuisances that jeopardize countries' work to meet the 2010 control measures.

ECA

- From the ratification status of the ECA network countries, it seems that some Central Asian countries (including the CEIT countries supported by GEF) have difficulties in ratifying the remaining Montreal Protocol amendments. Despite the fact that some countries informed that they are in the process of ratifying further Amendments, no ratification from the region was recorded in 2007. An analysis of the root causes and special assistance may be required.
- Overall, the ECA network countries have a positive record in terms of compliance and data reporting. The last 2 countries (**Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina**) established their import/export licensing systems in 2007. Few countries face compliance issues and usually return quickly to compliance or develop plans of action. Nevertheless, several countries have to double their efforts to comply with the 2007 and 2010 phase-out targets. **Turkmenistan** is currently requesting a revision of its methyl bromide baseline and expressed its need for TPMP-type activities to achieve complete CFC phase-out. The eligibility would need to be addressed by the Executive Committee.
- The main challenges expressed by the ECA network countries relate to the continuation of the NOUs after 2010, management of HCFCs, disposal and destruction of ODS, prevention of illegal trade mainly in Central Asian countries, and to a lesser extent the introduction (national licensing) of metered-dose inhalers (MDI) using alternative aerosols. Some countries need to review their consumption data for example concerning the use of halons in military and aviation and MeBr for quarantine and pre-shipment uses. The need for an integrated and synergetic approach towards chemicals management and MEA implementation was emphasized by several countries. The ECA network has included a regional MDI workshop and the

establishment of an enforcement network (with focus on Central Asia) in its business plan. In addition, new GEF funds have been programmed to permit critical Article 2 neighbor countries (Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan) to continue to participate in relevant ECA Network meetings for the next 2 years.

<u>Information Clearinghouse</u>

- Ensuring that countries in actual or potential non-compliance have the information and awareness services needed to ensure a speedy return to compliance/maintaining compliance.
- Maintaining media coverage of the ozone story through 2010 in light of other competing news stories and "ozone fatigue".
- Ensuring that Article 5 countries find ways to incorporate the different training and education materials developed under the Multilateral Fund i.e. customs, refrigeration, primary/secondary schools into the regular curricula of national educational/national bodies to ensure the sustainability of that training into the future.
- Developing strong cooperation between NOUs and national education ministries/training institutes.

Annex IV: Global and regional awareness related activities in 2007 (9 months)

<u>ROA</u>

In 2007 the ROA CAP team continued its cooperation with the African Environmental Journalist Network leading to the organisation of a journalist workshop for 8 West African Countries on Ozone issues with a focus on the achievement of the Montreal Protocol in 20 years of operation. Several news articles were then written in the printed and electronic media in the region. An expert was solicited to develop on component on Ozone in the UNEP regional Office webpage.

ROAP

- UNEP ROAP in cooperation with TVE Japan produced two short public service announcements (PSAs), referred to as "My Ozone Wish" or PSAs, have been launched that can be used as an awareness material throughout the Asia and Pacific region but also globally and in regional offices. The first PSA, entitled "The Drummers", is a 30 second Public Service Announcement (PSA) clip specially produced to be shown in global, regional, national and local television channels and also to be broadcast to the larger audience. It is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. The other PSA, called "A Kid's Dream', is also a 30-second clip specially produced to be used by countries' National Ozone Units during this year's International Ozone Day celebrations and for general awareness raising purposes. It is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.
- UNEP ROAP, in cooperation with the Singapore Ministry of Environment, National Ozone Unit and Star Alliance, organized a follow-up media workshop on Ozone Layer Protection and Climate Change back-to-back with the Champions of the Earth and Global Business for the Environment Summit events and press conferences in Singapore, 17-18 April 2007. It was attended by media professionals (journalists and editors) with experience in communicating aspects and issues of sustainable development through different channels of communication.
- UNEP ROAP in cooperation with Ruamrudee International School conducted the first Regional Ozone Quiz Competition in Thailand, 19-21 August 2007. Thirty two students from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, Fiji, Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam participated in the competition. The winners from the Philippines received US\$1,500 as a grant to initiate an environmental project in their school and were sponsored to attend the celebrations for the 20th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol in Canada. The team from Sri Lanka won the second place, while Thailand and Malaysia took the third and fourth places, respectively.
- UNEP ROAP in cooperation with JASON produced a DVD of the performance during the final celebrations of the Ozone quiz. JASON had sung the, "What's the Ozone Layer?" famous ozone song along with the 32 students wearing their national dresses from 16 countries participating in the finals of the Quiz.

 UNEP ROAP in cooperation with the Government of India and CEE India, launched on 5 September 2007 the Education Pack which was translated to Bengali, Urdu and Marathi.

ROLAC

- A Children's (age 7 to 11) OzonAction Activity Booklet was produced for the English Speaking Caribbean region. This is an interactive booklet with games and crossword puzzles, etc. educating the user on the ozone layer and its depletion, ozone friendly products and safe sun habits. In preparation for the World Ozone Day 2007, these booklets were made available to each country of this network in both printed and electronic copies (with the exception of Haiti due to language).
- In Latin America region an MOU was signed between UNEP and Tierra America Network, which has 28 associated newspapers from the region, to prepare Ozone Day articles. Also, a TV spot about HCFC phase out is being prepared by the ROLAC Information Officer and RMP Officer to be disseminated through CNN in Spanish.
- At each network meeting, the NOU's give presentations on national ozone awareness raising activities. This is a very useful approach as material used and lessons learnt in one country are often shared amongst other members of the network.
- As part of the 2007 Main Network Meeting held in Panama, an Opening Ceremony was carried out. Scientific experts and policy makers from the region, together with the Ozone Secretariat and national authorities, gave a half day conference for the mass media, NGOs and civil society dealing with Ozone Layer and Health issues.

ROWA

■ In West Asia, member states agreed to use the 2007 awareness raising funds to support the Lebanese national competitions for celebrating the 20th anniversary, produce two regional quick-guide booklets on refrigerants and methyl bromide alternatives and organize an expert group meeting for updating the technical agricultural curricula in relevant countries.

ECA

In addition to national awareness activities under the IS projects, ECA network countries agreed on the following regional awareness activities:

As a regional contribution to the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol, the ECA network countries requested UNEP to prepare the ECA network brochure to highlight the contributions of all stakeholders and partners to the successful implementation of the Montreal Protocol in the ECA region and to put a face to the main actors on the stage and behind the scene. It is a snap-shot of the achievements and partnerships 20 years after the entry-into-force of the Montreal Protocol and 4 years after the creation of ECA network. The brochure will be in English and Russian and be disseminated during the Ozone Day celebrations in Montreal (Sept 07) and the Environment for Europe conference in Belgrade (Oct 07).

The ECA network also requested UNEP to organize a side event during the Environment for Europe conference in Belgrade focusing on the contribution of the Montreal Protocol to the prevention of environmental crime and to climate change mitigation.

Croatia is producing UNEP's education pack in the Croatian language requested by Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia FYR, Montenegro and Serbia. Afterwards, each country will adapt the translation to its own language.

Kyrgyzstan is producing an awareness raising video in Russian language (with English sub-titles) based on Kyrgyzstan's experience in the phase-out of ODS as per the request of the Russian-speaking network countries.

Turkmenistan will adapt Kyrgyzstan's handbook for teachers for use in Turkmen schools.

Kyrgyzstan will produce a 20-minute 'Ozone Play' to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol. It will be recorded on CD-ROM with English sub-titles.

Bosnia & Herzegovina to produce a brochure with 20 questions and answers related to the Montreal Protocol in Bosnian and English to be shared with interested network countries.

RILO CIS offered to compile a booklet on cases of illegal trade in ODS including seizures, fines, etc. at their own cost. The input from the National Ozone Units should be channeled through the National Contact Points (NCPs) of RILO CIS.

Additional translations into Russian / printing of Russian documents have been agreed as part of a separate translation project. All translations are available from the OzonAction as well as ECA websites.

Moldova to print the Russian version of UNEP's education pack [text book, UV-meter, learning cards, calendar, world map, envelope] – the document was previously translated by Kyrgyzstan and quality reviewed by Azerbaijan. The Russian version of SEI's "Interlinked ODS Phase-out Activities" will also be done.

Turkmenistan to translate the following documents:

- "Building Owners Save Money Save the Earth Replace Your CFC AC Chiller, 2002"
- "Ozone Protection, Climate Change, Energy Efficiency, 2006"
- Turkmenistan to translate "Information note on halon alternatives prepared the UNEP CAP Halon Officer, 2007"
- UNEP's cartoon books: "Ozzy Goes Farming" and "Ozzy Goes Polar"

<u>Information Clearinghouse</u>

The OzonAction Information Clearinghouse developed and distributed to NOUs and other stakeholders the following information services, in support of national celebrations of International Day for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the 20th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol:

- *Vital Ozone Layer Graphics* publication and web site that informs and inspires journalists to cover the ozone story by providing overview of key issues and ready-to-use graphics that can be incorporated directly into articles.
- Public Service Announcements (PSAs), two 30-second videos ("The drummer" and "A kid's dream") that raise awareness of the good work that has been done during the last twenty years by the international community with regard to the ozone layer protection and reveal the sense of urgency for the next years to continue working on these endeavours. Designed for broadcast on international, regional and national television channels, and available in NTSC and PAL, as well as HD, in Arabic, Chinese, English, Finnish, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Distributed to NOUs in August 2007 and promoted to international and national television channels.

Note: CAP Paris has already received official confirmation from the television station TF1 that the videos were shown 8 times on national public broadcast in France during September, and from the Finnish station that it has been shown 46 times on SW Television for a cost of . This represents a total air time value of US\$ 122,000, which was provided gratis by the companies as a public service. This illustrates the ability of such information products to mobilise considerable external financial resources to support Multilateral Fund objectives.

- Ozzy Ozone Snakes and Ladders Board Game, a colorful game in a form of "snakes and ladders" that raises the awareness of children about ozone depletion, Montreal Protocol and related issues, and supports National Ozone Units by providing an information tool to be used in their national ozone awareness campaigns. Available in English, French and Spanish. The game is downloadable from the OzonAction website and can be printed. Distributed to NOUs in August 2007 and launched (with a life-size version of the game) on 16 September 2007 at MOP-19.
- Ozzy Goes Polar. The third issue of the children's illustrated booklet designed to increase awareness about ozone depletion, climate change and persistent organic pollutants. In English, French and Spanish. Launched on World Environment Day 2007 in Tromso, Norway and distributed to NOUs in August 2007.
- OzonAction Newsletter Special Issue: Celebrate the Montreal Protocol. A special double issue of the OzonAction Newsletter devoted to the 20th Anniversary of the Protocol. Articles authored by key figures in the global ozone protection community reflect on the achievements and future challenges of this multilateral environmental agreement. Launched and distributed at MOP-19.
- Encouraged media coverage of 20th Anniversary. In cooperation with UNEP Division of Communication and Public Information, encouraged journalists, including Arabic-language Radio Dualiya and others, to cover the ozone story and MOP-19.

• Ozzy Ozone Website. A new module, "Ozzy's School", was added to the existing site to provide online resources for children linked to the OzonAction Education Pack, in English and French. The site was launched on 21 September.

Other Information Clearinghouse activities during this period included:

- Raised the awareness of children from more than 100 countries about ozone depletion causes and consequences. This was achieved through sessions/activities at the Preparatory African Conference for the Sixth UNEP International Children's Conference (ICC) held in Yaounde, Cameroon 27-31 July 2007 and the World Environmental Education Congress held in Durban, South Africa, 30 June-5 July 2007.
- OzonAction Newsletter. Spread information about worldwide implementation of the Montreal Protocol by producing three issues of the OzonAction Newsletter in 6 languages.
- Outreach to Media. Engaged the media to generate news articles about ozone protection topics by supporting the ROAP CAP teams to organise/conduct a regional media workshop in Singapore.
- *E-news*. Kept key members of the Montreal Protocol community informed about the latest ozone protection developments through bi-weekly OzoNews and bi-monthly RUMBA and CLIO3 e-news services, which are delivered directly to the recipients' in-trays.
- Refrigeration Sector publications. Contributing to the visibility of the Montreal Protocol at a high-level by cooperating with the International Institute of Refrigeration to develop a special international booklet "Refrigeration Drives Sustainable Development" and a special issues of IIR's newsletter on the 20th Anniversary. This activity only used CAP staff time and was funded/managed by IIR.
- Olympic Games. Continued to provide information and guidance to the Beijing Organising Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG) to further include the Montreal Protocol and ozone protection issue into the agenda of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games through cooperation. This is being done within the framework of the UNEP-BOCOG Memorandum of Understanding, for which OzonAction Programme helped to introduce the ozone protection issue. This only involves CAP staff time.

Annex V: Use of programmatic funds in 2007

ROA

Shortfall in the ROA CAP budget for network meetings did not allow activities under the programmatic budget.

ROAP

- ROAP CAP in cooperation with the Government of Mongolia organized the workshop on "PARTNERING WITH PRIVATE SECTOR FOR PREVENTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME: Combating Illegal Trade for Compliance with the Montreal Protocol in the Asia Pacific Region", which took place in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia 28 29 June 2007. This was attended by participants from 11 countries, international organizations and non-governmental organizations. This was undertaken to increase private sector participation in combating illegal trade. Based on consultations during this workshop, the Ulaanbaatar Declaration was announced by the participants.
- ROAP CAP, in cooperation with Jiaotong University, is developing a HCFC resource database which will integrate all available relevant publications/information concerning the HCFCs issue into a searchable database via webpage using HTML language. This will enable the NOUs and other stakeholders to take informed decisions relating to HCFC phase out projects. The information is proposed to be catalogued and would need to be updated regularly.

ROLAC

The MOU between UNEP and Chapingo University to provide technical assistance to overcome non compliance situation in Ecuador used the resources of the programmatic funds in 2007. Expected result is the action plan for methyl bromide phase out prepared in Ecuador. The resources were used to cover cost of expert's travels to the country as well as for the organisation of a national meeting.

ROWA

The programmatic funding for 2007 in West Asia was dedicated to addressing the needs for updating the refrigeration technical and vocational curricula. Regional round-table meetings attended by technical experts from ministries/institutions of technical education and vocational training in West Asia countries along with the ODS Officers where main gaps were identified and joint proposal was developed as a guideline for the update. Follow-up is ongoing to conduct national meetings in some countries and to incorporate the outcomes of the regional meeting in the ongoing NPPs/TPMPs. This is beside the special course developed for undergraduate engineering students.

ECA

The ECA network reallocated USD 46,000 for programmatic assistance in 2007. All activities are described on the ECA website.

USD 10,000 for Armenia to organize a stakeholder training on MeBr alternatives in the post-harvest sector to sustain compliance with their MeBr plan of action which requires zero MeBr consumption from 2007.

USD 10,000 for Montenegro to initiate the data collection required for the preparation of the Country Programme, to establish consumption baselines, to host a stakeholder consultation as well as a meeting with Ozone Officers from Macedonia FYR and Serbia and the representatives of UNIDO and UNEP to kick-start the CP / TPMP preparation.

USD 4,000 for Albania to facilitate the implementation of their National Phase-out Plan and to enforce their border controls and import / export licensing system.

USD 5,000 for Bosnia & Herzegovina to organize stakeholder consultations in order to sustain compliance with the CFC, MeBr and TCA plans of action which require a reduction of the CFC consumption to 3.0 ODP tons in 2007 and zero in 2008, a zero TCA consumption from 2006 and a zero MeBr consumption from 2007.

USD 7,000 for Kyrgyzstan to develop a software programme to facilitate the exchange of information related to licensing systems and trade in ODS between Customs and Ozone Officers in Central Asian countries.

USD 10,000 for Turkmenistan to organize a stakeholder training on MeBr alternatives in the post-harvest sector. The country detected MeBr consumption in 2005 and requested the revision of the MeBr baseline. The training was supported by the Ozone Officers from Georgia and Kyrgyzstan.

Annex VI: Details regarding the use of funds that support global awareness-raising activities

PARIS

Note: Please see pages 24-26 for details on how the UNEP Information Clearinghouse used Global awareness funds for the first 9 months of 2007.

For 2008, in line with advice given in the Compliance Assistance Programme's Advisory Group (CAG) meeting on 22 September 2007, the Information Clearinghouse proposed to reorient its 2008 activities and shift the budget allocations to reflect that advice. In 2008 the Information Clearinghouse will publish one issue of OzonAction Newsletter in six UN languages. Moreover, as stated in CAP budget, page 6, the Information Clearinghouse will design and produce a teacher's guide in English, French and Spanish for secondary schools through a participatory process in close cooperation with the NOUs and other partners; and a resource guide on how to use all Ozzy Ozone awareness and educational materials for the 2008 International Ozone Day celebrations. This resource kit will include all Ozzy Ozone materials translated by countries or by the private sector in order to provide these to all stakeholders in the Article 5 countries. Moreover, the creation of a global network of NGO's, teachers and schools will be developed in close cooperation with the NOUs to ensure proper dissemination of the materials in the regions and to promote the global Ozzy Ozone education strategy. Furthermore as advised by the CAG, the Information Clearinghouse will design and produce an illustrated booklet in the Ozzy Ozone series related on HCFCs and related energy efficiency. The countries and individuals have requested reprints of Ozzy Ozone materials.

ROA

The CAP team has been involving members of the African Network of Environmental Journalist (ANEJ) in its network meetings in order to promote the Montreal Protocol activities through the regional and national media. Such cooperation was later emulated by other regions.

Starting 2008, the ODS Officers Network for Africa will get into a higher level of cooperation with ANEJ for publication and wider circulation of more material on the Montreal Protocol in the region.

The Africa Network also plans to organize competitions for several types of media on the protection of the ozone layer (awareness material produced by NOU, news articles/magazines/TV, etc.)

ROLAC

- Developed and distributed the Ozone Action Activity Booklet for the English Speaking Caribbean region
- MOU signed among UNEP and Tierra America Network.
- Opening Conferences to celebrate the Ozone Day at regional level.

• An MOU is under discussion with Cuba to prepare a DVD with Spanish training videos produced by the NOU.

ECA

No additional costs - during the ECA network meeting in Turkmenistan in 2/3.07, UNEP's Head of OzoneAction Branch as well as representatives of other agencies met H.E. Makhtumkuli Akmuradov, Minister of Nature Protection and informed on the importance of ratifying the remaining Montreal Protocol amendments. The Minister agreed to initiate the process and all remaining amendments have been coordinated with all interested Ministries and are currently submitted for the consideration by the President of Turkmenistan.

No additional costs - during the contact group meeting in Montenegro on kick-starting the CP / TPMP preparation, representatives of UNIDO and UNEP met with H.E. Branimir Gvozdenovic, Deputy Minister of Tourism and Environment Protection and congratulated on ratifying all Montreal Protocol amendments in 2006. The Minister was briefed on priority action in 2007 in terms of data reporting and the urgency of CP / TPMP preparation. The Deputy Minister reconfirmed his support to facilitate the process.

No additional costs - As aforementioned, the Russian translation of the methyl bromide alternative post-harvest training manual will be published and distributed globally at no cost to the ECA Network.

USD 17,000 - UNEP to prepare the ECA network brochure to highlight the contributions of all stakeholders and partners to the successful implementation of the Montreal Protocol in the ECA region and to put a face to the main actors on the stage and behind the scene. It is a snap-shot of the achievements and partnerships 20 years after the entry-into-force of the Montreal Protocol and 4 years after the creation of ECA network. The brochure will be in English and Russian.

USD 10,000 –UNEP to organize a side event the during the Environment for Europe conference in Belgrade (10.07). The event will focus on the contribution of the Montreal Protocol to preventing environmental crime and to climate change mitigation. The ECA network brochure as well as other related documents will be displayed at the joint ROE/UNECE stand. The Director of UNEP's Regional Office for Europe, will facilitate the side event with the participation of Netherland's Environmental Assessment Agency and representatives of RILO CIS and the NOUs of Romania and Kyrgyzstan.