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**ANNUAL TRANCHE SUBMISSION DELAYS**

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Overview

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

2. The document addresses delays in the submission of tranches that were due at the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting and presents recommendations for consideration by the Executive Committee. It also contains a section covering an annual tranche that was withdrawn from consideration at the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting due to slow implementation of the first tranche.

**Annual Tranche Delays (tranches due for submission to the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting)**

3. Fifty-three annual tranches were due for submission to the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Of these, 27 tranches have not been submitted. These are broken down as follows: UNDP (12), UNEP (10), UNIDO (2), World Bank (1), Canada (1), and Spain (1). Table 1 presents those tranches that were not submitted with the reasons as provided by the relevant implementing agency.

Table 1**ANNUAL TRANCHES NOT SUBMITTED**

Country	Agency	Sector	Tranches	Reason not submitted provided by the implementing agency
Antigua and Barbuda	World Bank	CFC Phase-out Plan	2006	Grant agreement not signed.
Bangladesh	UNDP	ODS Phase-out Plan	2005, 2006 and 2007	The verification of the 2006 consumption and revision of the Action Plan have not been completed.
Bangladesh	UNEP	ODS Phase-out Plan	2005, 2006 and 2007	The verification of the 2006 consumption and revision of the Action Plan have not been completed.
Congo, DR	UNDP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	The request for second tranche was not submitted as the deliverables on the first tranche were not sufficiently advanced in implementation.
Congo, DR	UNEP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	The request for second tranche was not submitted as the deliverables on the first tranche were not sufficiently advanced in implementation.
Dominica	UNDP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	Low disbursement and delay in procurement.

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Dominica	UNEP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	The request for second tranche was not submitted as the deliverables on the first tranche were not sufficiently advanced in implementation.
Grenada	UNDP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	Low disbursement and delay in procurement.
Grenada	UNEP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	The request for second tranche was not submitted as the deliverables on the first tranche were not sufficiently advanced in implementation
Kyrgyzstan	UNDP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	The request for second tranche was not submitted due to delayed procurement of equipment and the fact that the first tranche were not sufficiently advanced in implementation.
Kyrgyzstan	UNEP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	Slow signature of MOU and delayed procurement of equipment.
Libya	Spain	Methyl Bromide	2007	Change in NOU in 2007 and the fact that the current tranche has not been fully implemented.
Panama	UNDP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	The low disbursement of funds and the need to revise the work plan to reflect the current situation.
Paraguay	UNDP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2008	The request for second tranche was not submitted as the deliverables on the first tranche were not sufficiently advanced in implementation.
Paraguay	UNEP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2008	The request for second tranche was not submitted as the deliverables on the first tranche were not sufficiently advanced in implementation.
Saint Kitts and Nevis	UNDP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	Low disbursement and delay in procurement.
Saint Kitts and Nevis	UNEP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	The request for second tranche was not submitted as the deliverables on the first tranche were not sufficiently advanced in implementation.
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	UNDP	ODS Phase-out Plan	2007	Low disbursement and delay in procurement.
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	UNEP	ODS Phase-out Plan	2007	Low disbursement and delay in procurement.
Serbia	UNIDO	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	Ongoing government restructurings and new institutional settings and the fact that the first tranche was not sufficiently advance in implementation.
Uruguay	Canada	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	The request for second tranche was not submitted as the deliverables on the first tranche were not sufficiently advanced in implementation.

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Uruguay	UNDP	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	Slow signature of MOU and the fact that the deliverables on the first tranche were not sufficiently advanced in implementation.
Venezuela	UNIDO	CFC Phase-out Plan	2007	Due to possible transfer of activities from the World Bank to UNIDO, the Government of Venezuela has decided to postpone submission of the tranche.

### Annual tranches submitted with incomplete information

4. One MYA tranche was submitted to the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting but after review it was determined that the second tranche for the TPMP in Seychelles should be deferred due to difficulties in importing hydrocarbon-based refrigerants resulting in low disbursement of the first stage.

5. The Executive Committee may wish to encourage the Government of Seychelles to expedite the implementation of the first tranche of its TPMP in order to submit the second tranche as soon as possible.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

6. The Executive Committee may wish to consider:

- (a) Noting the information on annual tranches of multi-year agreements submitted to the Secretariat by Canada, Spain, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, and the World Bank as contained in the document on annual tranche submission delays (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/54/14);
- (b) Noting that 26 of the 53 annual tranches of multi-year agreements that were due for submission were submitted on time to the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting, but 27 of them had not been submitted.
- (c) Noting that letters should be sent for the annual tranches indicated in Table 1 above that were due for submission to the 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting with the reasons indicated for the delay, and encouraging implementing agencies and the relevant Article 5 Governments to submit these annual tranches to the 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting:
- (d) Encouraging the Government of Seychelles to expedite the implementation of the first tranche of its TPMP in order to submit the second tranche as soon as possible.

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