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PROJECT PROPOSAL: GABON

This document consists of the comments and recommendation of the Fund Secretariat on the following project proposal:

Phase-out

- Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)

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PROJECT EVALUATION SHEET – MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS
Gabon

(I) PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY
CFC phase out plan	UNDP, UNEP

(II) LATEST ARTICLE 7 DATA (ODP Tonnes)					Year: 2007
CFC: 0	CTC: 0	Halons: 0	MB: 0	TCA: 0	

(III) LATEST COUNTRY PROGRAMME SECTORAL DATA (ODP Tonnes)											Year: 2007		
Substances	Aerosol	Foam	Halon	Refrigeration		Solvent	Process Agent	MDI	Lab Use	Methyl Bromide		Tobacco fluffing	Total Sector Consumption
				Manufacturing	Servicing					QPS	Non QPS		
CFC													0.
CTC													0.
Halons													0.
Methyl Bromide													0.
Others													0.
TCA													0.

(IV) PROJECT DATA			2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Montreal Protocol Consumption Limits		CFC	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.	
Maximum Allowable Consumption (ODP Tonnes)		CFC	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.	
Project Costs (US\$)	UNDP	Project Costs	50,000.	40,000.			90,000.
		Support Costs	4,500.	3,600.			8,100.
	UNEP	Project Costs	65,000.	50,000.			115,000.
		Support Costs	8,450.	6,500.			14,950.
Total Funds Approved in Principle (US\$)		Project Costs	115,000.	90,000.			205,000.
		Support Costs	12,950.	10,100.			23,050.
Total Funds Released by the ExCom (US\$)		Project Costs	115,000.	0.			115,000.
		Support Costs	12,950.	0.			12,950.
Total Funds Requested for Current Year (US\$)		Project Costs			90,000.		90,000.
		Support Costs			10,100.		10,100.

(V) SECRETARIAT'S RECOMMENDATION:	Blanket approval
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. On behalf of the Government of Gabon UNEP, as the lead implementing agency, has submitted a progress report on the implementation of the first work programme of the Gabon terminal phase-out management plan (TPMP) to the 57th Meeting of the Executive Committee. UNEP has also submitted a request for funding for the second tranche of the TPMP at a total cost of US \$50,000 plus agency support costs of US \$6,500 for UNEP, and US \$40,000 plus agency support costs of US \$3,600 for UNDP.

Background

2. The TPMP for Gabon was approved by the Executive Committee at its 52nd Meeting, to completely phase out CFC consumption in the country by 2009. Total funding of US \$205,000 plus agency support costs of US \$23,050 was approved in principle by the Executive Committee. At the same meeting, the Executive Committee approved US \$65,000 plus agency support costs of US \$8,450 for UNEP, and US \$50,000 plus agency support costs of US \$4,500 for UNDP, for the implementation of the first tranche of the TPMP.

Progress report on the implementation of the first tranche of the TPMP

3. Following the approval of the TPMP by the Executive Committee, a total of 80 refrigeration technicians and 65 custom officers have been or are in the process of being trained; and a hydrocarbon charging station and 7 service tool kits have been procured. Service equipment, tools and alternative refrigerants have been purchased and delivered to the country. A refrigerant retrofit centre has been identified in the capital city and two additional centres will be established soon (these centres are responsible for, *inter alia*, managing stocks of equipment and alternative refrigerants; carrying out retrofit demonstration projects; and acting as a resource and support centre to the service industry). A team of three local consultants has been hired to assist in the implementation of the activities proposed in the TPMP.

4. As of December 2008, of the US \$115,000 approved for the first tranche, US \$94,305 had been disbursed. An additional US \$20,695 will be disbursed by March 2009.

Plan of action for the second tranche of the TPMP

5. The Government of Gabon commits to implementing the following activities under the second work programme of the TPMP: further training programmes for customs officers and refrigeration service technicians, technical assistance and equipment to reinforce good service practices and raise awareness among technicians on alternative refrigerants, and to establish a permanent technology and information resource centre; and monitoring and verification activities.

SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

6. The Government of Gabon has reported zero consumption of CFCs under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol for 2007. UNEP pointed out that the estimated level of CFC consumption in 2008 was also zero.

7. In response to a question on the operation of the retrofit centres, UNEP reported that the Government of Gabon decided to implement this project component directly. Therefore the Ozone Unit, assisted by a national consultant, will be responsible for supervising the overall activities of the centres. Alternative refrigerants, equipment and tools have been purchased through the first tranche of the project.

Additional equipment and tools and alternative refrigerants will be purchased to further strengthen the centres.

8. Noting that training activities for customs officers and refrigeration technicians have been planned for the first quarter of 2009, the Secretariat sought an explanation regarding the additional training being proposed in the second tranche of the TPMP. UNEP reported that the request for training technicians and customs officers included in the second tranche is in accordance with the work plan established by the Government of Gabon.

9. The Secretariat also suggested that during the implementation of the final tranche of the TPMP, UNEP considers advising the Government on undertaking preliminary actions to facilitate the phase-out of HCFCs in due time. UNEP indicated that this suggestion will be discussed at the next network meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

10. The Secretariat recommends that the Executive Committee:

- (a) Takes note of the progress report on the implementation of the first tranche of the terminal phase-out management plan in Gabon; and
- (b) Approves the 2009-2010 annual implementation programme associated with the second tranche.

11. The Secretariat further recommends blanket approval of the 2009-2010 plan associated with the second tranche of the TPMP for Gabon, with associated support costs at the funding level shown in the table below:

	Project Title	Project Funding (US\$)	Support Cost (US\$)	Implementing Agency
(a)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)	50,000	6,500	UNEP
(b)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)	40,000	3,600	UNDP
