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BILATERAL COOPERATION

The Fund Secretariat received the following requests for bilateral cooperation:

PROJECT TITLE	BILATERAL AGENCY
Terminal ODS phase-out management plan (third tranche) in Seychelles	France
Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche) in Uganda	France
Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan in Zimbabwe	Germany
Demonstration project to validate the use of super-critical CO ₂ in the manufacture of sprayed polyurethane rigid foams in Colombia	Japan
Training on alternative technologies to HCFCs	Japan

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Note on the organization of the document

1. This document provides an overview of requests from bilateral agencies, and whether these are eligible for approval by the Executive Committee in light of the maximum level of bilateral cooperation available for 2009. It cross-references relevant meeting documents that include a discussion on the bilateral requests, and also it contains the standard recommendation on the year of assignment for bilateral cooperation, as a general recommendation at the end of the document. There are two requests that are fully addressed in this document. One from the Government of Germany on Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan in Zimbabwe and the other from the Government of Japan on the Training on alternative technologies to HCFCs.

2. A total of five projects for bilateral cooperation with a value of US \$1,288,708 (including agency fees) have been received by the Secretariat for approval at the 59th Meeting. Two from the Government of France; one from the Government of Germany and two projects from Japan.

3. Table 1 provides a summary of the value and number of requests by the Governments of France, Germany and Japan.

Table 1

VALUE AND NUMBER OF PROJECTS FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION, BY BILATERAL AGENCY (including agency fees)

Bilateral Agency	Total Amount Requested (US \$)	Number of Projects
France	85,315	2
Germany	96,050	1
Japan	1,107,343	2
Total	1,288,708	5

REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT FRANCE

Introduction

4. Table 2 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of France. The value of this request (US \$85,315) together with the amount of bilateral projects approved at the 57th Meeting of (US \$202,367) does not exceed 20 per cent of France's contribution for 2009 (US \$2,039,952).

Table 2

SUBMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE

Project Title	Country	Total Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Recommended (US\$)
Terminal ODS phase-out management plan (third tranche)	Seychelles	13,000	13,000 ⁽¹⁾
Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)	Uganda	62,500	62,500 ⁽²⁾
Agency Fee		9,815	9,815
TOTAL		85,315	85,315

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/59/42

(2) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/59/47

SEYCHELLES: Terminal ODS phase-out management plan (third tranche) (US \$13,000)

5. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/59/42.

UGANDA: Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche) (US \$62,500)

6. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/59/47.

REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT GERMANY

Introduction

7. Table 3 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Germany. The value of this request (US \$96,050) together with the amount of bilateral projects approved at the 57th and 58th Meetings of (US \$1,940,879) does not exceed 20 per cent of Germany’s contribution for 2009 (US \$2,776,808).

Table 3

SUBMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY

Project Title	Country	Total Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Recommended (US\$)
Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan	Zimbabwe	85,000	85,000
Agency Fee		11,050	11,050
TOTAL		96,050	96,050

ZIMBABWE: Preparation of a HCFC phase-out management plan (US \$85,000)

Project description:

8. The Government of Germany submitted a request for project preparation funds for the HPMP of Zimbabwe. The proposal indicates that this project preparation will include a detailed assessment of the HCFC use in the country, as well as identify HCFC using sub-sectors for the development of a comprehensive phase-out strategy for HCFCs. The request is for US \$85,000 and is being submitted in line with decision 56/16.

Fund Secretariat’s comments

9. The Secretariat notes that the above request is in line with decision 56/16 and with the agreement at the 55th Meeting of the Executive Committee that countries with certain HCFC consumption levels will receive funds for HPMP preparation for stage one of their HPMP. The 2007 HCFC consumption for Zimbabwe is 16.4 ODP tonnes.

Fund Secretariat’s recommendation

10. The Fund Secretariat recommends blanket approval of the request for funding for the preparation of an HCFC phase-out management plan for Zimbabwe at the level shown in Table 3 above.

REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT JAPAN

Introduction

11. Table 4 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Japan. The value of this request (US \$1,107,343) does not exceed 20 per cent of Japan's contribution for 2009 (US \$5,382,028).

Table 4

SUBMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND RECOMMENDATION

Project Title	Country	Total Amount Requested (US\$)	Amount Recommended (US\$)
Demonstration project to validate the use of super-critical CO ₂ in the manufacture of sprayed polyurethane rigid foam	Colombia	838,200	(1)
Training on alternative technologies to HCFCs	Global	141,750	141,750
Agency Fee		127,393	18,428
TOTAL		1,107,343	160,178

(1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/59/24

COLOMBIA: Demonstration project to validate the use of super-critical CO₂ in the manufacture of sprayed polyurethane rigid foams (US \$838,200)

12. The comments and recommendations of the Fund Secretariat are found in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/59/24.

GLOBAL: Training on alternative technologies to HCFCs (US \$141,750)

Project description

13. The Government of Japan submitted a request for a project that will involve training of selected Article 5 country representatives on alternatives to HCFCs, to be held in Japan. This proposal is submitted for funding at a level of US \$160,178 including support costs to be deducted from Japan's bilateral's contribution to the Multilateral Fund of the Montreal Protocol.

14. The project will provide Article 5 countries with an opportunity to become aware of the alternative technologies to HCFCs and their associated systems from a Japanese perspective, with the objective of allowing the participants to review the applicability of the Japanese experience to their own HCFC phase-out activities. The training workshop is envisaged to last for five days and will target up to twenty participants. It will consist of lectures as well as site visits to selected industries in Japan.

15. A detailed budget proposal with a breakdown of the requested funds is submitted as part of the proposal.

Fund Secretariat's comments

16. The training workshop proposed by Japan is intended to assist Article 5 countries in understanding different alternatives to HCFCs from the experience of an industrialized country especially during the preparation of their HPMPs. The Secretariat noted however that the proposed content of the

workshop also includes elements of ODS destruction in addition to HCFC-alternatives. These issues were raised in comments to the Government of Japan and the Secretariat suggested that it might be more urgent to focus more on alternatives to HCFCs in the foam and refrigeration sectors where HCFCs are being used most. It requested that the content be revised to provide this focus.

17. The Secretariat also observed that the proposed budget breakdown gives justification for the amount requested for the project.

Fund Secretariat's recommendation

18. The Fund Secretariat recommends blanket approval of the request for US \$160,178 for a training workshop on HCFC alternatives to be implemented by the Government of Japan under its bilateral contribution.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

19. The Executive Committee may wish to request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 59th Meeting as follows:

- (a) US \$85,315 (including agency fees) against the balance of France's bilateral contribution for 2009;
- (b) US \$96,050 (including agency fees) against the balance of Germany's bilateral contribution for 2009; and
- (c) US \$160,178 (including agency fees) against the balance of Japan's bilateral contribution for 2009.
