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PROJECT PROPOSAL: QATAR

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

Qatar

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

(II) LATEST ARTICLE 7 DATA (ODP Tonnes)				Year: 2007	
CFC: 13	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	Serviceing					QPS	Non QPS		
CFC					13.								13
CTC													0
Halons													0
Methyl Bromide													0
Others													0
TCA													0

(IV) PROJECT DATA			2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Montreal Protocol Consumption Limits		CFC	15.2	15.2	15.2	0.	
Maximum Allowable Consumption (ODP Tonnes)		CFC	15.	12.	8.	0.	
Project Costs (US\$)	UNEP	Project Costs	65,000.		55,000.		120,000.
		Support Costs	8,450.		7,150.		15,600.
	UNIDO	Project Costs	242,500.		70,000.		312,500.
		Support Costs	18,188.		5,250.		23,438.
Total Funds Approved in Principle (US\$)		Project Costs	307,500.		125,000.		432,500.
		Support Costs	26,638.		12,400.		39,038.
Total Funds Released by the ExCom (US\$)		Project Costs	307,500.		0.		307,500.
		Support Costs	26,638.		0.		26,638.
Total Funds Requested for Current Year (US\$)		Project Costs			125,000.		125,000.
		Support Costs			12,400.		12,400.

(V) SECRETARIAT'S RECOMMENDATION:	INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. On behalf of the Government of Qatar UNIDO, as the lead implementing agency, has submitted to the 59th Meeting of the Executive Committee a progress report on the implementation of the first work programme of the terminal phase-out management plan for CFCs (TPMP). UNIDO has also submitted a request for funding for the second and final tranche at a total cost of US \$125,000, US \$55,000 plus agency support costs of US \$7,150 for UNEP and US \$70,000 plus agency support costs of US \$5,250 for UNIDO.

Background

2. The TPMP for Qatar was approved in principle by the Executive Committee at its 53rd Meeting at the total amount of US \$432,500 plus agency support costs of US \$15,600 for UNEP and US \$23,438 for UNIDO to completely phase-out CFC consumption in the country by 2010. At the same meeting, the Executive Committee approved the first tranche of US \$65,000 plus agency support costs of US \$8,450 for UNEP and US \$ 242,500 plus agency support costs of US \$18,188 for UNIDO for the implementation of the first work programme.

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

3. For this first tranche, the progress report has indicated that all activities have been initiated but very few have been completed. The main achievement during this period is in the technical assistance component where the equipment for the training centres as well as the basic toolkits for the workshops were delivered at the end of 2008. The report stated that all activities for training will commence in October 2009. The equipment also yet to be distributed.

4. The report showed that while customs training has not yet taken place, an informal arrangement between the Customs Authority and the Ministry of the Environment has been reached to allow the assignment of full time inspectors at the three major ports of Qatar to handle the inspection and clearance of all chemicals, including ODS shipments on a part-time basis. Four refrigerant identifiers have been supplied to the Customs Office to enable these inspections.

5. At the end of the second quarter of 2009, the project had a remaining balance of US \$141,500 out of the US \$307,500 approved, which will be carried over into 2009-2010 to implement the remaining activities from the first tranche, in addition to the amount requested for the second tranche.

Plan of action for the second tranche of the TPMP

6. The Government of Qatar commits to implementing a number of activities under the second work programme of the TPMP. These include the completion of the remaining training for refrigeration technicians and the full implementation of a national certification scheme for technicians, upgrading the recovery and recycling network in the country, training of customs officers and the provision of toolkits to strengthen workshops in the refrigeration servicing sector that will lead to the implementation of the retrofit and equipment programme. During this tranche, the country will also continue to implement public awareness activities and information dissemination to stakeholders. The monitoring and management of these activities is also covered in the second tranche of the TPMP.

SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

7. The 2007 CFC consumption reported by the Government of Qatar under Article 7 of the Protocol of 13 ODP tonnes was already below the level of consumption set under the TPMP of 15 ODP tonnes.

8. The first tranche of the TPMP for Qatar was approved in November 2007. During this period, the progress report has indicated little substantive progress in the activities targeted for the first tranche. In discussions with UNEP and UNIDO, the Secretariat was informed that the delays in project implementation were caused by unforeseen additional activities including the organisation of the 20th Meeting of the Parties and other meetings in Qatar in 2008, which created an unusually heavy workload for the NOU.

9. The Secretariat noted that while the equipment for the workshops has already been purchased and delivered, it has not as yet been used or distributed to the beneficiaries as of writing this document. UNIDO as the agency responsible for this component explained to the Secretariat that the distribution plan was now being finalised, and that the equipment would be provided in the next three to four months. The training programme will take place at the same time.

10. Under these conditions, the Secretariat requested UNEP and UNIDO to defer this project to the first meeting in 2010 so that more activities can be completed by that time. In further discussions with the Secretariat both agencies, while recognizing the delays in project implementation, however requested the remaining funds be approved at this meeting in order to allow the country to fully implement the project components without any further delays. The release of funds for the second tranche will allow them to finalise contractual arrangements for all activities without any gap. They maintain that deferring this for another three months could be a source of additional delays since the administrative process of setting up the funds and transferring these to the country can take a lot of time. According to both agencies, they have discussed a work plan with the country which will be strictly adhered to, and the country is fully committed to ensuring the completion of all activities as soon as possible.

11. In view of the above justification, the Secretariat requested both agencies to provide a detailed work plan with specific targets covering all activities up to the end of 2010. This work plan will allow close monitoring of the activities and ensure their timely completion. UNIDO as the lead agency provided this detailed work plan which is attached as Annex I to this document.

12. The Secretariat also notes that this request is in line with decision 57/15 in that the disbursement from the first tranche is more than 20 per cent, and CFC targets for the year have been met.

13. The Secretariat further notes that Qatar has not yet submitted its CP data on the implementation of the country programme for 2008 required under decision 52/5(f).

RECOMMENDATION

14. 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 (TPMP) in Qatar for the year 2008; and
- (b) Approves the 2009-2010 annual implementation programme.

15. The Secretariat further recommends approval of the second tranche for the TPMP for Qatar with associated support costs at the funding level shown in the table below:

- (a) Subject to the receipt of Qatar's 2008 CP data by the time of the Executive Committee meeting (decision 52/5); and
- (b) On the understanding that UNEP and UNIDO will submit a progress report on the implementation of the 2009-2010 annual programme to the 62nd Meeting of the Executive Committee.

	Project Title	Project Funding (US\$)	Support Cost (US\$)	Implementing Agency
(a)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)	55,000	7,150	UNEP
(b)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)	70,000	5,250	UNIDO

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Annex I:

Detailed Work plan for the remaining activities in the TPMP in Qatar (2009-2010)

	Activity	Planned Date	Approved in 2007	Remaining funds for 2009	Requested in 2009	Available in 2009
1.	Policy and Regulatory Support					
1	<u>National Enforcement Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the TORs for the committee and identifying members • Establishing the National enforcement Committee (NEC) • Operation of NEC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2009 (ongoing) • November 2009 • December 2009 onwards for a period of one year 	\$ 10,000		\$ 0	
2	<u>Training</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x Training sessions for all relevant authorities responsible for enacting the 2007 ODS Law (Customs, Municipality, Trade, Industry, Standards and other related stakeholders) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2009 • January 2010 	\$25,000		\$ 0	
sub-total			\$ 35,000		\$ 0	
(a) Certification programme for refrigeration service technicians						
1	<u>Specialized National Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with stakeholders on the TORs of the specialized national committee • Establishing the committee • Operation of the committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2009 (ongoing) • December 09 • January 2010 onwards 	\$ 10,000		\$10,000	
2	<u>Certification scheme:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a task force to determine the outline of the certification • Meetings for preparing the first draft • Consultation meeting with authorities and key industry representatives • Finalization and issuance of the certification scheme • Training to launch the compulsory certification programme¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2009 • Ongoing for one year • October 2010 • November 2010 • December 2010 	\$ 5,000		\$5,000	

¹ Training course will be covered from the training budget since the budget available for the certification scheme is not sufficient

	Activity	Planned Date	Approved in 2007	Remaining funds for 2009	Requested in 2009	Available in 2009
3	<u>Training on good practices</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 x national training workshops for remaining establishments using CFC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 2009 	\$ 15,000		\$25,000	
sub-total			\$ 30,000		\$ 40,000	
(i) Technical assistance for the servicing sector						
1	150 Service Sets for small workshops	Completed	\$ 112,500	\$ 32,000	\$ 0	\$ 32,000
2	<u>MAC retrofit incentive including awareness and training (for 1000 vehicles)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x training workshop on MAC retrofit proper repair practices Consultation with local bank and the Ministry of Environment on the terms of reference for the setup of the incentive scheme Drawing up an agreement with the local bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 2009 October / November 2009 December 2009 / January 2010 	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$25,000	\$ 65,000
3	Supply of Identification sets	Completed	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
4	Providing training equipment to Qatar Technical School	Completed	\$ 25,000	\$2,000	\$ 0	\$2,000
sub-total			\$ 197,500	\$ 79,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 104,000
Project Implementation and Monitoring						
1	<u>Monitoring evaluation and reporting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on the TORs for the services required for the monitoring and implementation Identification of suitable national candidates Call for proposals Evaluation & Award of contracts Ongoing monitoring and implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 2009 October 2009 November 2009 December 2009 January 2010 onwards for one year 	\$ 45,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 80,000
sub-total			\$ 45,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 80,000
Grand Total			\$ 114,000	\$ 114,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 184,000