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PROJECT PROPOSAL: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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

Phase-out

- National CFC phase-out plan (third tranche)

UNEP and UNDP

PROJECT EVALUATION SHEET – MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS
Democratic Republic of the Congo

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

(II) LATEST ARTICLE 7 DATA (ODP Tonnes)					Year: 2008
CFC: 8.6	CTC: 0	Halons: 0	MB: 0	TCA: 0	

(III) LATEST COUNTRY PROGRAMME SECTORAL DATA (ODP Tonnes)										Year: 2009			
Substances	Aerosol	Foam	Halon	Refrigeration		Solvent	Process Agent	MDI	Lab Use	Methyl Bromide		Tobacco fluffing	Total Sector Consumption
				Manufacturing	Servicing					QPS	Non QPS		
CFC					4.								4
CTC													0
Halons													0
Methyl Bromide													0
Others													0
TCA													0

(IV) PROJECT DATA			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Montreal Protocol Consumption Limits		CFC	332.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	0.	
Maximum Allowable Consumption (ODP Tonnes)		CFC	332.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	0.	
Project Costs (US\$)	UNDP	Project Costs	193,750.	71,875.	71,875.			337,500.
		Support Costs	14,531.	5,391.	5,391.			25,313.
	UNEP	Project Costs	143,750.	71,875.	71,875.			287,500.
		Support Costs	18,688.	9,344.	9,344.			37,376.
Total Funds Approved in Principle (US\$)		Project Costs	337,500.	143,750.	143,750.	0.		625,000.
		Support Costs	33,219.	14,735.	14,735.	0.		62,689.
Total Funds Released by the ExCom (US\$)		Project Costs	337,500.	0.	0.	143,750.		481,250.
		Support Costs	33,219.	0.	0.	14,735.		47,954.
Total Funds Requested for Current Year (US\$)		Project Costs					143,750.	143,750.
		Support Costs					14,735.	14,735.

(V) SECRETARIAT'S RECOMMENDATION:	For blanket approval
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. On behalf of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, UNEP, as the lead implementing agency, has submitted to the 61st Meeting of the Executive Committee a request for funding for the third and last tranche (2008) of the national ODS phase-out plan (NPP) at a total cost of US \$71,875 plus agency support costs of US \$9,344 for UNEP and US \$71,875 plus agency support costs of US \$5,391 for UNDP. The submission also includes a progress report on the implementation of the NPP during the year 2009, the implementation programme for 2010, a verification report for the years 2008 and 2009 and multi-year agreement tables.

Background

2. The NPP for the Democratic Republic of the Congo was approved by the Executive Committee at its 49th Meeting to completely phase-out CFCs in the country by 1 January 2010. Total funding of US \$625,000 plus agency support costs of US \$62,689 was approved in principle by the Executive Committee. At the same meeting, the Executive Committee approved US \$143,750 plus agency support costs of US \$18,688 for UNEP and US \$193,750 plus agency support costs of US \$14,531 for UNDP for the implementation of the first tranche of the NPP.

Verification

3. The verification report indicates that the licensing system was in place since 1995 and was revised in 2005 to discourage the import of ODS and ODS-based systems. The report presents in detail what documents are being checked at the border before ODS enter into the country and attaches the list of importers. There was no ODS export in 2008 and 2009 and CFC consumption was equal to 11.6 ODP tonnes in 2008 and 4 ODP tonnes in 2009, which is significantly lower than the maximum allowable consumption of 99.8 ODP tonnes for both years.

2009 progress report

4. The NPP for the country was approved in July 2006, but activities only started in 2008. These activities were split between those for the majority of the country and those for the eastern provinces, to take into account the difficult implementation in the eastern provinces due to the political instability there. The programme for the eastern provinces includes refrigeration technicians training, conducted in 2008 and awareness activities, implemented in 2009.

5. In the remaining part of the country additional training in good practices took place for 120 refrigeration technicians; with the 149 technicians trained in 2008, the total number of trained technicians reached 269 against a target of 600 for all phases of the NPP. Additional training was provided to 85 customs officers in 2009, and the number of officers trained so far reached 248 against the total 300 planned under the NPP.

6. In 2008 UNDP carried out a strategic revision of their activities, and has merged them with the some remaining activities from the refrigerant management plan (RMP). Mobile air conditioning (MAC) activities were integrated into the activity for the recycling centres. The equipment for the recycling centres was purchased and is expected to arrive in the country in May/June 2010. The first conversions under the end-user incentive activities took place, which led to the recovery of an estimated 600 kg of R-12 and R-502. The metered dose inhaler (MDI) project was completed with the signing of the "Inter-Ministerial Decree" and the full ban entered into force in October 2009. Project monitoring activities also took place.

7. The unspent balance of the approved funding as of 1 January 2010 is US \$28,035 equivalent to 6 per cent of the funding approved so far.

2010 implementation programme

8. The following activities are foreseen for 2010: training of the remaining 331 refrigeration technicians and 52 customs officers, delivery of equipment to the recycling centres, further conversion activities within the end-user incentive programme, project monitoring activities and, for the eastern provinces, further training for ten refrigeration technicians and awareness raising.

SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

9. The consumption data in the verification report for 2008, i.e. 11.6 ODP tonnes is consistent with the data provided in the MYA tables and the country programme data. However, the data is inconsistent with the reporting under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol, which indicates a consumption of 8.6 ODP tonnes. However, these differences are insignificant in terms of compliance with the agreement; the target in the agreement for 2008 was 99.8 ODP tonnes. For 2009, the country programme data reporting indicates a consumption of 4 ODP tonnes, in comparison to 99.8 ODP tonnes allowed under the agreement for 2009. The country appears to be in compliance with the agreement for 2008 and 2009. UNEP as the lead agency has been advised to contact the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and discuss the need for changes in the data reported for 2008 under Article 7.

10. With reference to decision 60/11 (a), expressing the understanding of the Executive Committee that the Government, with assistance from the implementing agencies, would also consider implementing activities to facilitate the phase-out of HCFCs, the Secretariat contacted the implementing agencies to request further information. UNEP advised that the licensing system is in the process of being upgraded to include HCFCs as part of the HPMP preparatory process. Related to the use of HCFCs in refrigeration, UNEP replied that the refrigeration technician training programme will cover HCFC replacements and containment. UNDP advised that they no longer allow replacement of CFC-12 by HCFC containing refrigerant mixtures in MACs or in any refrigeration equipment covered by the retrofit programme.

11. Given the difficult circumstances for implementation, the NPP for the Democratic Republic of the Congo has made good progress in the last two years, after several years of inactivity. The Secretariat can recommend blanket approval of the third and final tranche as specified below.

RECOMMENDATION

12. The Fund Secretariat recommends that the Executive Committee:

- (a) Takes note of the progress report on the implementation of the second tranche of the National CFC phase-out plan (NPP) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- (b) Takes note of the verification report for the years 2008 and 2009;
- (c) Approves the 2010 annual implementation programme associated with the third tranche; and

- (d) Requests the Government of Democratic Republic of the Congo, with the assistance from UNEP and UNDP, to submit a progress report on the implementation of the work programme associated with the third and final tranche of the NPP no later than the 64th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

13. The Secretariat further recommends blanket approval of the 2010 plan associated with the third and final tranche of the NPP for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with associated support costs at the funding level shown in the table below:

	Project Title	Project Funding (US \$)	Support Cost (US \$)	Implementing Agency
(a)	National CFC phase-out plan (third tranche)	71,875	9,344	UNEP
(b)	National CFC phase-out plan (third tranche)	71,875	5,391	UNDP
