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THE MULTILATERAL FUND FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL
Sixty-third Meeting
Montreal, 4-8 April 2011

ANNUAL TRANCHE SUBMISSION DELAYS

1. This report emanates from a history of late submissions of annual tranches that resulted in delays in transferring funds and in fulfilling obligations to fund the activities required by those tranches. It is intended to enable the Executive Committee to encourage countries and relevant agencies to enhance their efforts to submit annual tranches as soon as possible and to address difficulties in meeting deadlines with respect to their submissions.
2. This report has addressed delays in the submission of tranches that were due to the current meeting. It also presents recommendations for consideration by the Executive Committee.
3. At its 61st Meeting, the Executive Committee decided to maintain the national phase-out plans (NPPs) or terminal phase-out management plans (TPMPs) for Burundi, Eritrea and Iraq and to allow for their submission up to the 63rd Meeting according to decision 61/5(f). Burundi submitted its TPMP to the 62nd Meeting. Five annual tranches are due for submission to the 63rd Meeting for Eritrea, Iraq and India. Submissions have been received for Eritrea and Iraq.
4. At its 62nd Meeting, the Executive Committee considered a request for the second tranche of funding for the accelerated CFC production phase-out in India. The grant agreement had not been signed for the disbursement of the first annual tranche of the production sector agreement. The report of the 62nd Meeting indicated that, under those circumstances, it was felt to be premature for the Committee to approve the request. The World Bank indicated that the grant agreement with India could not be signed until the Government of India received signatures for four performance agreements between the Government of India and the four CFC producers. The Bank advised that it hoped to submit the request to the 64th Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. The Executive Committee may wish to consider:
 - (a) Noting with appreciation, the information on annual tranche submission delays under multi-year agreements (MYAs) submitted to the Secretariat by the World Bank as contained in the document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/63/14;
 - (b) Noting that four of the five annual tranches of MYAs due for submission had been submitted on time to the 63rd Meeting; and
 - (c) Requesting the Secretariat to send a letter to the Government of India to urge the signing of the grant agreement for the accelerated CFC production sector closure project as soon as possible to enable the submission of the second tranche of the agreement to the 64th Meeting.
