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THE MULTILATERAL FUND FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL
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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 annual 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. There were seventeen tranches of multi-year agreements (MYAs) from nine countries due to the 66th meeting including HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) in seven of those countries, a methyl bromide MYA (Mexico) and a CFC production sector project (India). Seven tranches of HPMPs for Chile, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) were not submitted.

2. With respect to the request for the second tranche of the HPMP in Chile (UNDP and UNEP), the lead agency (UNDP) indicated that there was a requirement by the Government to have an economic analysis completed before any specific legislation (in this case the quota system) was put in place. The study was underway and the expectation was to have a tranche request in the near future but not before the 68th meeting.

3. With respect to the second tranche of the HPMP in Iran (Islamic Republic of) (Germany, UNDP and UNIDO), the expenditures for the first tranche were low as of 31 January 2012 since the agreements on specific project components between the Government and enterprises in the air-conditioning and foam sector (for all agencies) were under review and had not been signed. The request for funding for the second tranche would be submitted to the 67th meeting as agreed with the Government in January 2012.

4. With respect to the annual tranche due for Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (UNIDO and UNEP), the lead agency indicated that it would be submitted to the 67th meeting of the Executive Committee due to the need to first fully involve and inform the new Ozone Officer.

OBSERVATIONS

5. Ten of the 17 annual tranche requests due were submitted on time to the 66th meeting. Seven of the 13 second tranches of HPMPs were not submitted. It should be noted, however, that HPMP tranche requests in two countries that had not been forwarded as scheduled to the 65th meeting, Armenia and Nigeria, were submitted to the 66th meeting. The timely submission of HPMP tranche requests may be a critical factor in enabling countries to comply with control measures in the future but conversely also contributes to reducing any immediate cash flow difficulties.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. The Executive Committee may wish to consider noting:

- (a) The information on annual tranche submission delays under multi-year agreements (MYAs) submitted to the Secretariat by Germany, UNDP, UNEP and UNIDO as contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/66/16;
- (b) That ten out of 17 annual tranches of MYAs due for submission had been submitted on time to the 66th meeting.
