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TRANCHE SUBMISSION DELAYS

Introduction

1. Pursuant to decision 53/3(c)¹, the Secretariat has prepared this document on tranche submission delays of multi-year agreements (MYAs). It presents actions taken in response to decisions on tranche submission delays adopted at the 75th meeting; an analysis of each of the tranches that were not submitted to the 76th meeting; reasons for the withdrawal of tranches that were submitted to the 76th meeting; and recommendations.

Follow-up to decisions taken on tranche submission delays at the 75th meeting

2. Pursuant to decision 75/4(b), the Secretariat sent letters to the Governments of 17 Article 5 countries to urge the submission of the next tranche of their HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) to the 76th meeting. As a result, the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda², Cameroon³, Chile⁴, Haiti⁵, Saint Lucia⁶, Senegal⁷, South Africa⁸, and Tunisia⁹ submitted respective tranches of their HPMPs. However, no tranches were submitted by the Governments of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Philippines (the), Qatar, Thailand, and Timor-Leste. No decisions had been taken for the tranche due for Yemen that is experiencing ongoing internal problems.

¹ To request the Secretariat to proceed with the inclusion of information on submission delays in the context of its review of the implementation of business plans at the 2nd and 3rd meetings of each year.

² Submitted and subsequently withdrawn during the project review process.

³ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/22.

⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/24.

⁵ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/33.

⁶ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/44.

⁷ Submitted and subsequently withdrawn during the project review process.

⁸ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/48.

⁹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/51.

Analysis of tranches not submitted to the 76th meeting

3. Fifty-two activities associated with tranches of HPMPs for 31 countries, at a total value of US \$9,346,722 (including agency support costs) due for submission to the 76th meeting were not submitted¹⁰ as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Tranches not submitted to the 76th meeting

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs)	20% disbursement achieved	Reason for delay	Impact on compliance	2014 consumption below freeze?	Agreement signed
Barbados	UNEP	2016	54,240	Yes	Changes in the National Ozone Unit (NOU)/ structural change	No	Yes	Yes
Barbados	UNDP	2016	41,420	N/A	Signing of agreement/ project document	Unlikely	Yes	No
Belize	UNDP	2016	7,085	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes
Belize	UNEP	2016	108,480	Yes	Changes in the NOU/ structural change/ Government decisions/ endorsements	No	Yes	Yes
Comoros (the)	UNEP	2016	39,550	No	Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	Yes
Cote d'Ivoire	UNEP	2016	168,156	No*	Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)/ delays in investment component	No	Yes	Yes
Cote d'Ivoire	UNIDO	2016	492,200	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Cuba	UNDP	2016	152,142	Yes	Sufficient funds from previous tranche/ Government decisions/ endorsements	Unlikely	Yes	Yes
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the)	UNIDO	2016	235,400	No	Internal or external difficulties/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	Unlikely	Yes (Complied with action plan)	N/A
Democratic Republic of the Congo, (the)	UNEP	2015	26,555	Yes	Changes in the NOU/ structural change	No	Yes	Yes
Democratic Republic of the Congo, (the)	UNDP	2015	26,160	Yes	Changes in the NOU/ structural change	Unlikely	Yes	Yes
Dominica	UNEP	2016	74,354	No	Signing of agreement/20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	No
Eritrea	UNEP	2016	30,510	Yes	Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)	No	Yes	Yes
Eritrea	UNIDO	2016	43,600	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Ethiopia	UNIDO	2016	76,300	No	Government decisions/ endorsements	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Ethiopia	UNEP	2016	62,150	Yes	Verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Gabon	UNEP	2016	56,613	Yes	Changes in the NOU/ structural change/ submission of progress and financial reports/ Government decisions/ endorsements	No	Yes	Yes
Gabon	UNIDO	2016	130,691	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	Unlikely	Yes	N/A

¹⁰ For comparison, at the 75th meeting, 24 tranches for 17 countries that were due were not submitted.

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs)	20% disbursement achieved	Reason for delay	Impact on compliance	2014 consumption below freeze?	Agreement signed
Grenada	UNEP	2016	94,920	Yes	Government decisions/ endorsements	No	Yes	Yes
Guinea	UNEP	2016	73,450	No*	Verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Guinea	UNIDO	2016	172,000	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Guinea-Bissau	UNEP	2016	56,500	Yes	Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)	No	Yes	Yes
Guinea-Bissau	UNIDO	2016	81,750	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Kenya	France	2016	197,596	No	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold/ verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Kuwait	UNIDO	2016	1,128,684	No	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Kuwait	UNEP	2016	371,703	Yes**	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/ delays from previous tranche	No	Yes	Yes
Malawi	UNIDO	2016	65,400	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Malawi	UNEP	2016	45,200	Yes	Verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Mozambique	UNIDO	2016	81,750	No	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Mozambique	UNEP	2016	33,900	Yes**	Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)	No	Yes	Yes
Myanmar	UNIDO	2015	65,400	N/A	Lead agency not ready for submission	No	Yes	N/A
Myanmar	UNEP	2015	21,470	No	Delays from previous tranche/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	Yes
Niger	UNEP	2016	141,250	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	No	Yes	Yes
Niger	UNIDO	2016	96,750	Yes	Verification report	Unlikely	yes	Yes
Philippines	UNEP	2015	25,990	Yes	Verification report/ submission of progress and financial reports	No	Yes	Yes
Qatar	UNIDO	2013	571,935	Yes	Government decisions/ endorsements/ changes in the NOU/ structural change	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Qatar	UNEP	2013	169,500	No*	Signing of agreement/ project document	Unlikely	Yes	No
Rwanda	UNIDO	2016	59,950	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Rwanda	UNEP	2016	33,900	Yes	Verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Saudi Arabia	UNEP	2015	281,418	No	Delays from previous tranche/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	Yes
Saudi Arabia	UNIDO	2015	1,890,262	No	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Swaziland	UNEP	2016	56,500	Yes	Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)	No	Yes	Yes
Thailand	World Bank	2014	1,070,000	No	Delays from previous tranche/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	No	Yes	Yes
Timor-Leste	UNEP	2015	18,532	Yes	Submission of progress and financial reports	No	Yes	Yes
Timor-Leste	UNDP	2015	11,641	Yes	Sufficient funds from previous tranche/ Government decisions/ endorsements/ changes in NOU/ structural	Unlikely	Yes	Yes

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs)	20% disbursement achieved	Reason for delay	Impact on compliance	2014 consumption below freeze?	Agreement signed
Togo	UNIDO	2016	161,250	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Togo	UNEP	2016	70,060	Yes	Submission of progress and financial reports	No	Yes	Yes
Uganda	UNIDO	2016	43,600	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Uganda	UNEP	2016	26,555	Yes	Verification report	No	Yes	Yes
Yemen	UNEP	2014	186,450	No	Internal or external difficulties/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold/ verification report	Likely	Yes	Yes
Zambia	UNEP	2016	39,550	Yes	Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)	No	Yes	Yes
Zambia	UNIDO	2016	76,300	Yes	Lead agency not ready for submission	Unlikely	Yes	N/A
Total			9,346,722					

* The overall disbursement rate exceeds the 20 per cent threshold taking into account all agencies' disbursements.

** The overall disbursement rate is below the 20 per cent threshold taking into account all agencies' disbursements.

Reason for delays and status of HPMPs

4. The reasons for delays in the submission of tranches of HPMPs include: disbursement of the previous tranche below the 20 per cent threshold (11) of approved funds for the previous tranche; lack of mandatory verification report (8); changes in the NOU and/or structural changes within the Government (6); Government decisions and/or endorsements (6); sufficient funds from previous tranches still available (5); no submission of progress and/or financial reports (4); signing of agreements and/or project documents (3); internal or external difficulties (2); delays in implementation of investment components (1); implementing agency structural change (i.e., Umoja issues related with UNEP activities) (6); or lead agency not ready for submission (11).

5. As reported by the relevant implementing agencies, delays in the submission of tranches that were past due would not have an impact (or would unlikely have an impact) on compliance with the countries obligations under the Montreal Protocol. However, one county was likely to have an impact due to ongoing internal difficulties since no project activity can take place under these circumstances; however, the tranche may not be submitted until the 78th meeting. All outstanding tranches are expected to be submitted to the 77th meeting except for Kuwait, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Yemen which may be submitted to the 78th meeting.

6. The reasons for the delay in the submission of tranches of each country level summarized below.

Barbados (UNDP/UNEP) – Signing of project document/change in NOU/structural change

7. There has been a delay in the process of signing the project document with UNDP due to consultation process with the legal department of the Government. A draft project document was approved in 2014 and sent officially for signature. It is expected that it will be signed in May 2016. Delays were also due to structural changes in the administration of public funds that had slow the rate of disbursement of funds. A mission by UNEP was planned for late March.

Belize (UNDP/UNEP) – Changes in NOU/structural change/Government decisions/endorsements

8. Focus was placed on the preparation of the institutional strengthening (IS) renewal project (under UNEP). All agreements between the Government and UNEP related to the HPMP had been signed. There

is a new National Ozone Officer (NOO), who will be trained under UNEP's training programme for NOOs. UNDP activities associated with the tranche had been implemented.

Comoros (UNEP) — Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)/20 per cent disbursement threshold

9. The Government has signed the agreement with UNEP for the implementation of the project. However, there have been difficulties in finalizing outstanding payments due to Umoja. UNEP is addressing this issue to expedite pending payment in order to continue the implementation of activities.

Cote d'Ivoire (UNEP and UNIDO) – Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)/Delays in investment component/lead agency not ready for submission

10. UNEP indicated that there were delays due to the difficulties in finalizing payments through Umoja, that also prevented further implementation, but there had also been delays in the investment component of the current tranche. UNIDO indicated that the tranche could not be submitted as the lead agency. All relevant agreements have been signed and the overall project has disbursed more than 20 per cent.

Cuba (UNDP) – Sufficient funds from previous tranche/Government decisions/endorsements

11. The project document has been signed and 74 per cent of approved funds have been disbursed. As funds are still available to continue implementing activities under the current tranche the Government decided to submit the subsequent tranche to the 77th meeting.

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the), (UNIDO) – Internal or external difficulties/20 per cent disbursement threshold

12. No funds have been disbursed or activities initiated due to external related to new sanctions imposed by UN Security Resolution 1718 on March 2016 that affects the award of a contract for the foam conversion component, but several activities are planned in 2016 including customs and technician training. These activities will enable to achieve the 20 per cent disbursement threshold.

Democratic Republic of Congo (the) (UNDP and UNEP) – Changes in NOU/structural change

13. Relevant agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed and overall disbursement is approximately 50 per cent of approved funding. However, submission of the tranche (due to the 74th meeting) has been delayed due to the appointment of new staff for the implementation of the HPMP (including the NOU) and additional time needed to complete the equipment procurement. Since then, procurement of equipment has been completed.

Dominica (UNEP) – Signing of agreement/20 per cent disbursement threshold

14. Relevant agreement between the Government and UNEP was signed but expired as the NOO left the office prior to initiating any activities under the HPMP. A new agreement has been drafted. UNEP had scheduled a mission for late April 2016 to address issues related to data submission, NOU staffing, the HPMP implementation plan and the preparation of the next tranche.

Eritrea (UNEP and UNIDO) – Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)/lead agency not ready for submission

15. UNEP indicated that there were delays due to Umoja but that it would speed up disbursements as soon as it could. UNIDO indicated that it had submitted its inputs for the submission of the next tranche to the lead agency. All relevant agreements have been signed and disbursement has exceeded 50 per cent.

Ethiopia (UNEP and UNIDO) – Verification report/Government decisions/endorsements

16. Relevant agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed. The tranche request could not be submitted due to delays in the completion of the verification report, and in the Government's decision to proceed with the bidding process for the equipment to be procured by UNIDO.

Gabon (UNEP and UNIDO) – Changes in the NOU/structural change/ Government decisions/endorsements/submission of progress and financial reports/lead agency not ready for submission

17. All agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed, and the 20 per cent disbursement threshold has been achieved. UNEP indicated that a new NOO had been appointed; after further consultations the Government decided to submit the third tranche to the 77th meeting to provide additional time for the NOO to better understand the project, implement additional activities and prepare required reports.

Grenada (UNEP) – Government decisions/endorsements

18. The Government focused on implementing the newly approved projects on survey on ODS alternatives and renewal of the IS project. Accordingly, it decided to submit the tranche to the 77th meeting. The agreement between the Government and UNEP has been signed, and 50 per cent of the funds approved have been disbursed. The Government is in the process of selecting the cooperating agency to participate in the HPMP. As the agreement for the approved IS project has been finalized, the NOO will give full attention to the implementation of the ongoing activities and the submission of the due tranche.

Guinea (UNEP and UNIDO) – Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission

19. Agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed. UNEP has not been able to disburse funds associated with the approved tranche as the verification report has not been completed and submitted to the Secretariat. UNEP plans to expedite the completion of the verification. UNIDO had disbursed all the funds approved for its component.

Guinea-Bissau (UNEP and UNIDO) – Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)/lead agency not ready for submission

20. Agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed, and the 20 per cent disbursement threshold has been achieved. UNEP indicated that implementation of activities has been delayed due to Umoja, an issue which is currently being addressed by UNEP. Implementation of activities with UNIDO's assistance is progressing.

Kenya (France) – Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/20 per cent disbursement threshold/verification report

21. The third tranche was approved at the 75th meeting, with limited time to implement any of the activities under the recently approved tranche. Activities will be initiated soon and the verification report will be completed by the 77th meeting.

Kuwait (UNEP and UNIDO) – Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/delays from previous tranche/20 per cent disbursement threshold

22. The current tranche was only approved in 2015 instead of 2014 as proposed in stage I of the HPMP. Agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed. The overall level of disbursement is below the 20 per cent threshold.

Malawi (UNEP and UNIDO) – Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission

23. Agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed, and the 20 per cent disbursement threshold has been achieved. However, the verification report under preparation with the assistance from UNEP has not been completed.

Mozambique (UNEP and UNIDO) – Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)/20 per cent disbursement threshold

24. Agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed. The overall level of disbursement is below the 20 per cent threshold. Although the level of disbursement of UNEP component is over 40 per cent, delays in disbursement of funds had occurred due to Umoja, an issue which is currently being addressed by UNEP.

Myanmar (UNEP and UNIDO) – Delays in previous tranche/20 per cent disbursement threshold/lead agency not ready for submission

25. The agreement between the Government and UNEP was only signed in February 2016. Accordingly, UNEP is coordinating with the NOU implementation of the approved activities, including procurement of equipment, and processing the first payment. It is expected that substantial progress in implementation will be achieved by the end of 2016. UNIDO (as the cooperating implementing agency) did not receive funding in the first tranche of the HPMP.

Niger (UNEP and UNIDO) – Lead agency not ready for submission/verification report

26. Agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed, and the 20 per cent disbursement threshold has been achieved. However, the tranche request could not be submitted as the verification report under preparation with the assistance from UNIDO, has not been completed. It is expected that the verification report will be completed in the second quarter of 2016.

Philippines (the) (UNEP) – Verification reports/submission of progress and financial reports

27. The submission of the current tranche was delayed and only approved at the 75th meeting. Agreement between the Government and UNEP has been signed, and the 20 per cent disbursement threshold has been achieved. However, the verification reports for 2013 and 2014 consumption have not been completed and the required progress and financial reports have not been finalized. Activities and funding associated with remaining tranches under stage I of the HPMP would need to be reallocated.

Qatar (UNEP and UNIDO) – Government decisions/endorsements/signing of agreement/changes in NOU/structural changes

28. The agreement between the Government /and UNEP to implement the first tranche of stage I the HPMP has not been signed. Due to this major delay in implementation a revised action plan was presented for consideration by the NOU after a recent institutional change in the Ministry of Environment; however, an NOO has not been appointed. UNIDO and UNEP had prepared the submission of the second tranche (due in 2013) since the 73rd meeting; therefore, Activities and funding associated with remaining tranches under stage I would need to be reallocated.

Rwanda (UNEP and UNIDO) – Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission

29. Agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed, and the 20 per cent disbursement threshold has been achieved. However, the verification report under preparation with the assistance from UNEP has not been completed.

Saudi Arabia (UNEP/UNIDO) — Sufficient funds from previous tranche/delays from previous tranches/20 per cent disbursement threshold

30. The submission of the current tranche was delayed and only approved at the 75th meeting. Agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed, and sufficient funds are still available to continue implementing activities approved under previous tranches (UNIDO has accelerated procurement of equipment required for conversion of manufacturing enterprises). As the next tranche was originally due for submission in 2015, activities and funding associated with remaining tranches under stage I of the HPMP would need to be reallocated.

Swaziland (UNEP) — Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)

31. Agreement between the Government and UNEP has been signed, and 36 per cent of the approved funds have been disbursed. However, disbursement of additional funds has been delayed due to difficulties experienced in finalizing payments through Umoja, an issue which is currently being addressed by UNEP.

Thailand (World Bank) — Delays in previous tranches/20 per cent disbursement

32. More time than originally planned was needed for signing the overall grant agreement between the Government and the World Bank for stage I of the HPMP. This situation affected the overall implementation and tranche submission schedule, with the second tranche only approved at the 74th meeting. The release of the approved funding from the Treasury to the World Bank was subsequently delayed due to the late submission of the verification report. Therefore, the 20 per cent disbursement threshold has not been achieved. Sub-projects have been prepared and sub-grant agreements are scheduled for signing.

Timor-Leste (UNDP and UNEP) – Sufficient funds from previous tranche/changes in NOU/structural/submission of progress and financial reports/changes in the NOU/structural changes

33. As sufficient funds were available to support all planned activities until 2016, the NOU requested to postpone the submission of the tranche until the 77th meeting. The NOU has been restructured and a new assistant to the NOO has been recruited, which will accelerate the implementation of activities associated with the first two tranches. UNEP indicated that the required progress and financial reports had been finalized.

Togo (UNEP and UNIDO) – Submission of progress and financial reports/lead agency not ready for submission

34. Agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed, and the 20 per cent disbursement threshold has been achieved. However, the required progress and financial reports associated with the previously approved tranches necessary for UNEP to release further funding for the project have not been finalized.

Uganda (UNEP and UNIDO) – Verification report/lead agency not ready for submission

35. Agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed, and the 20 per cent disbursement threshold has been achieved. However, the verification report under preparation with the assistance from UNEP has not been completed.

Yemen (UNEP) – Internal or external difficulties/verification report/20 per cent disbursement threshold

36. Agreement between the Government and UNEP has been signed. However, due to the internal difficulties in the country no funds have been disbursed, and activities have not been initiated including the verification on consumption. UNEP plans to coordinate with the Government outside the country, and to provide follow-up technical support, where possible.

Zambia (UNEP and UNIDO) – Implementing agency structural change (Umoja)/lead agency not ready for submission

37. Agreements between the Government and the implementing agencies have been signed, and 36 per cent of the approved funds have been disbursed. However, disbursement of additional funds has been delayed due to difficulties experienced in finalizing payments through Umoja, an issue which is currently being addressed by UNEP.

Tranches submitted but withdrawn after discussion with the Secretariat

38. Table 2 presents tranches of stage I of HPMPs that were submitted to the 76th meeting but subsequently withdrawn by relevant implementing agencies during the project review process, due to: the lack of communication with NOU, endorsement letters, verification reports, agreement on costs, 2014 Article 7 and country programme (CP) data submission, and issues related to HCFC consumption data.

Table 2. Tranches that were submitted but withdrawn after discussion with the Secretariat

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs)	Reason for withdrawal	Impact on compliance	2014 consumption below freeze	Agreement signed	New submission date (meeting)
Antigua and Barbuda	UNEP	Second (2015)	6,610	Communication with NOU and endorsement letter	No	Yes	Yes	77 th
Burkina Faso	UNEP	Third (2016)	142,493	Agreement on costs related to consumption data	No	Yes	Yes	77 th
Burkina Faso	UNIDO	Third (2016)	108,891	Agreement on costs related to consumption data	No	Yes	Yes	77 th
Senegal	UNEP	Second (2014)	169,330	2013 and 2014 verification reports and consumption data	No	Yes	Yes	77 th
Senegal	UNIDO	Second (2014)	249,955	2013 and 2014 verification report, and consumption data	No	Yes	Yes	77 th
Somalia	UNIDO	Second (2016)	151,405	2014 A7 and CP data not submitted and consumption data	No	Yes	N/A	77 th
Total			828,684					

Recommendations

39. The Executive Committee may wish:

(a) To note:

(i) The report on tranche submission delays contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/76/6;

- (ii) The information on tranche submission delays under multi-year agreements submitted by the Government of France, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank;
 - (iii) That 52 out of 104 activities related to tranches of HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) due for submission to the 76th meeting had been submitted on time and that four of those tranches were withdrawn following discussion with the Secretariat;
 - (iv) That relevant bilateral and implementing agencies indicated that the late submission of the tranches of HPMPs due for the first meeting of 2016 would have no impact, or was unlikely to have an impact on compliance with the Montreal Protocol except for one country and that there had been no indication that any of these countries concerned were in non-compliance in 2014 for the 2013 freeze of HCFC consumption; and
- (b) To request the Secretariat to send letters on the decisions on tranche submission delays to relevant Governments as indicated in Annex I to the present report.

Annex I

**LETTERS TO BE SENT TO THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENTS
ON TRANCHE SUBMISSION DELAYS**

Country	Recommendation by the Secretariat to the Executive Committee
Antigua and Barbuda	Noting that the second (2015) tranche of the HPMP was withdrawn, and urging the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to work with UNEP so that the second tranche together with the endorsement letter could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Barbados	Noting that the draft project document is expected to be signed by the Government in May 2016, urging the Government of Barbados to work with UNDP to expedite the signing of the project document and accelerate implementation of approved activities, so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Belize	Noting that UNEP will be training the new National Ozone Officer (NOO), and urging the Government of Belize to work with UNEP to expedite the completion of activities associated with the first tranche so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Burkina Faso	Noting that the third (2016) tranche submitted to the 76 th meeting was withdrawn by the relevant implementing, and urging the Government of Burkina Faso to work with UNEP and UNIDO to address all relevant issues with HCFC consumption data, so that the third (2016) tranche could be re-submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Comoros (the)	Noting that there have been delays in implementation of activities due to difficulties in finalizing payments by UNEP, urging UNEP to immediately expedite overdue payments and requesting the Government of the Comoros to work with UNEP to complete the activities so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Cote d'Ivoire	Noting that there have been delays in implementation of activities due to difficulties in finalizing payments by UNEP, urging UNEP to immediately expedite overdue payments and requesting the Government of Cote d'Ivoire to work with UNEP to complete the activities so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Cuba	Noting that the current tranche is progressing with funds available from previous tranches and, therefore, the Government had decided to delay the submission of the tranche, and urging the Government of Cuba to work with UNDP to expedite the completion of activities so that the fourth (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the)	Noting external difficulties in implementing the activities so far under the first two tranches of the HPMP, and urging the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to work with UNIDO to expedite completion of planned activities so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold could be achieved.
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the)	Noting that there have been changes in the national ozone unit (NOU) and that the third tranche was due for submission to the 74 th meeting in early 2015, and urging the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to work with UNDP and UNEP to expedite the completion of activities so that the third (2015) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 and subsequent tranches,.

Country	Recommendation by the Secretariat to the Executive Committee
Dominica	Noting that UNEP had planned a mission for late April 2016 to address issues related to data submission, staffing of the National Ozone Office, issues related with the implementation of approved activities and preparation of the plan of action of the next tranche, and urging the Government of Dominica to work with UNEP to sign the relevant agreement and expedite implementation so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting, with the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Eritrea	Noting that there have been delays in implementation of activities due to difficulties in finalizing payments by UNEP, urging UNEP to immediately expedite overdue payments and requesting the Government of Eritrea to work with UNEP to complete the activities so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Ethiopia	Noting that the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption is due and decisions are required by the Government on bidding for the procurement of equipment by UNIDO, and urging the Government of Ethiopia to work with UNEP and UNIDO to submit the required verification report and address bidding issues, so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Gabon	Noting that the Government decided to delay the submission of reports required by UNEP as well as the third (2016) tranche, and urging the Government of Gabon to work with UNEP to prepare the required reports so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Grenada	Noting that the Government was in the process of selecting a cooperating agency for the HPMP and had decided to delay the submission the second (2016) tranche since sufficient funds are available to continue implementing activities, and urging the Government of Grenada to work with UNEP so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Guinea	Noting that the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption had not been submitted, and urging the Government of Guinea to work with UNEP to submit the required verification report so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Guinea-Bissau	Noting that there have been delays in implementation of activities due to difficulties in finalizing payments by UNEP, urging UNEP to immediately expedite overdue payments and requesting the Government of Guinea-Bissau to work with UNEP to complete the activities so that the third (2016) tranche can be submitted to the 77 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Kenya	Noting that the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption had not been submitted, and urging the Government of Kenya to work with the Government of France to submit the required verification report so that the fourth (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold could be achieved.
Kuwait	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the second tranche of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Kuwait to work with UNIDO to expedite the completion of planned activities so that the third (2016) tranche can be submitted to the 77 th or 78 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold could be achieved.
Malawi	Noting that the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption had not been submitted, and urging the Government of Malawi to work with UNEP to submit the required verification report so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.

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Mozambique	Noting that there have been delays in implementation of activities due to difficulties in finalizing payments by UNEP, urging UNEP to immediately expedite overdue payments and requesting the Government of Mozambique to work with UNEP and UNIDO to complete the activities so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Myanmar	Noting that although procurement of equipment approved in the first tranche has been initiated but not funding has been disbursed, and urging the Government of Myanmar to work with UNEP to expedite the implementation of activities so that the second (2015) tranche can be submitted to the 77 th or 78 th meeting, with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Niger	Noting that the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption had not been submitted, and urging the Government of Niger to work with UNEP to submit the required verification report so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Philippines (the)	Noting that the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption had not been submitted, and urging the Government of the Philippines to work with UNEP to submit the required verification report and to complete the required progress and financial reports so that the second (2015) tranche can be submitted to the 77 th or 78 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 and subsequent tranches.
Qatar	Noting that a new action plan was under discussion and that the National Ozone Officer (NOO) has not yet been appointed by the relevant authorities, and inviting the Government of Qatar to appoint a new NOO, and urging the Government to work with UNEP to sign the relevant agreement with UNIDO to provide an endorsement letter so that the second (2013) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2013 tranche and subsequent tranches.
Rwanda	Noting that the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption had not been submitted, and urging the Government of Rwanda to work with UNEP to submit the required verification report so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Saudi Arabia	Noting that the last tranche was approved at the 75 th meeting due to delays in submission of previous tranches, and urging the Government of Saudi Arabia to work with UNEP and UNIDO to expedite project implementation so that the fifth (2015) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Senegal	Noting that the second (2014) tranche submitted to the 76 th meeting was withdrawn by the relevant implementing agency, and urging the Government of Senegal to work with UNEP and UNIDO to submit the 2013, 2014 and 2015 verification reports and to address all relevant issues with HCFC consumption data, so that the second (2014) tranche could be re-submitted to the 77 th meeting, with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 and subsequent tranches.
Somalia	Noting that the second (2016) tranche submitted to the 76 th meeting was withdrawn by the relevant implementing agency, and urging the Government of Somalia to work with UNIDO to submit the 2014 and 2015 Article 7 and country programme data and to resolve all issues with respect to consumption data, so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.

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Swaziland	Noting that there have been delays in implementation of activities due to difficulties in finalizing payments by UNEP, urging UNEP to immediately expedite overdue payments and requesting the Government of Swaziland to work with UNEP to complete the activities so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Thailand	Noting that sub-projects have been prepared, sub-grant agreements are scheduled for signing and outstanding verification reports had been submitted but that the third tranche was due for submission in 2015, and urging the Government of Thailand to expedite the completion of activities and work with the World Bank so that the third (2014) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2014 and subsequent tranches on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold will be achieved.
Timor-Leste	Noting that there were sufficient funds from the first two tranches to implement activities through December 2016 but the progress and financial reports on the implementation of the second tranche had not been prepared, and urging the Government of Timor-Leste to submit the required progress and financial report to UNEP and work with UNDP and UNEP to expedite implementation of the HPMP so that the third (2015) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Togo	Noting that the required progress and financial reports on the implementation of the second tranche had not been submitted, and urging the Government of Togo to work with UNEP and expedite the submission of the required progress and financial reports so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Uganda	Noting that the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption had not been submitted, and urging the Government of Uganda to work with UNEP to submit the required verification report so that the second (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.
Yemen	Noting that there had been difficulty in completing the verification report of national consumption targets and the current internal difficulties in the country, and urging the Government of Yemen to work with UNEP to complete the verification report and expedite project implementation so that the second (2014) tranche can be submitted to the 77 th or 78 th meeting, with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2014 and subsequent tranches, accordingly.
Zambia	Noting that there have been delays in implementation of activities due to difficulties in finalizing payments by UNEP, urging UNEP to immediately expedite overdue payments and requesting the Government of Zambia to work with UNEP to complete the activities so that the third (2016) tranche could be submitted to the 77 th meeting.