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BILATERAL COOPERATION

1. The Secretariat received the following request for bilateral cooperation:

PROJECT TITLE	BILATERAL AGENCY
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, fourth tranche) in Kenya	France
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) in China	Germany
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) in India	Germany
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) in Islamic Republic of Iran (the)	Germany
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, second tranche) in Mexico	Germany
HCFC phase-out management plan (third tranche) in Papua New Guinea	Germany
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche) in China	Japan
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, second tranche) in Mexico	Spain

2. This document provides an overview of requests from bilateral agencies, and whether these are eligible in light of the maximum level of bilateral cooperation available for 2016. It cross-references relevant meeting documents that include a discussion on the bilateral requests, and contains the recommendation on the year of assignment for bilateral cooperation.

Overview

3. A total of eight projects for bilateral cooperation with a value of US \$5,742,630 (including agency costs) has been submitted to the 77th meeting as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Projects for bilateral cooperation submitted to the 77th meeting

Bilateral agency	Amount requested (US\$)*	Projects
France	197,596	1
Germany	4,276,405	5
Japan	90,400	1
Spain	1,178,229	1
Total	5,742,630	8

* Including agency support costs.

Request from the Government of France

4. Table 2 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of France. The value of this request (US \$197,596), combined with the net allocation for bilateral approvals of US \$19,061 in 2016, does not exceed the 20 per cent of France's 2016 bilateral contribution of US \$2,260,651.

Table 2. Projects submitted by the Government of France

Project Title	Country	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended (US\$)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I, fourth tranche)	Kenya	176,250	(*)
Agency support costs		21,346	
Total		197,596	

(*) Comments and recommendations of the Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/52.

Request from the Government of Germany

5. Table 3 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Germany. The value of this request (US \$4,276,405), after taking into account the amount (US \$4,658,409) approved at the 73rd, 74th and 75th meetings¹, and balances on completed projects to be offset against 77th meeting approvals (US \$151,079), exceeds the 20 per cent of Germany's allocation for the 2015-2017 triennium (US \$8,659,025) by US \$124,710. The actual level of funding approved for these requests will be known at the 77th meeting.

Table 3. Projects submitted by the Government of Germany

Project Title	Country	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended (US\$)*
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	China	300,000	(1)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	India	2,267,830	(2)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	Islamic Republic of Iran (the)	645,500	(3)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, second tranche)	Mexico	325,000	(4)
HCFC phase-out management plan (third tranche)	Papua New Guinea	301,000	(5)
Agency support cost		437,075	
TOTAL		4,276,405	

* Comments and recommendations of the Secretariat are found in the following documents:

- (1) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/37.
- (2) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/49.
- (3) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/50.
- (4) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/55.
- (5) UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/57.

¹ An amount of US \$659,452 approved at the 73rd meeting and US \$323,021 at the 74th meeting was assigned to 2015 Germany bilateral contribution. US \$3,675,936 was approved at the 75th meeting.

Request from the Government of Japan

6. Table 4 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of Japan. The value of this request (US \$90,400), combined with that of the bilateral approvals for 2016 (US \$48,873) does not exceed the 20 per cent of Japan's 2016 bilateral contribution (US \$4,378,622).

Table 4. Project submitted by the Government of Japan

Project Title	Country	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended (US\$)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, first tranche)	China	80,000	(*)
Agency support costs		10,400	
Total		90,400	

(*) Comments and recommendations of the Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/37.

Request from the Government of Spain

7. Table 5 provides a summary of the request for bilateral co-operation from the Government of the Spain. The value of this request (US \$1,178,229) does not exceed the 20 per cent of Spain's 2016 bilateral contribution (US \$1,201,666).

Table 5. Project submitted by the Government of Spain

Project Title	Country	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended (US\$)
HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II, second tranche)	Mexico	1,056,991	(*)
Agency support costs		121,238	
Total		1,178,229	

(*) Comments and recommendations of the Secretariat are found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/55.

Recommendations

8. The Executive Committee may wish to request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 77th meeting as follows:

- (a) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of France's bilateral contribution for 2016;
- (b) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of Germany's bilateral contribution for 2015-2017;
- (c) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of Japan's bilateral contribution for 2016; and
- (d) US \$XX (including agency fees) against the balance of Spain's bilateral contribution for 2016.