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TRANCHE SUBMISSION DELAYS

Introduction

1. Pursuant to decision 47/50(d),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 79th meeting; an analysis of each of the tranches that were not submitted to the 80th meeting; reasons for the withdrawal of tranches that were submitted to the 80th meeting; and the recommendation.

Follow-up to decisions taken on tranche submission delays at the 79th meeting

2. Pursuant to decision 79/24(b), the Secretariat sent letters to the Governments of 30 Article 5 countries to urge the submission of the next tranche of their HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) to the 80th meeting. As a result, the Governments of the Bahamas², Bangladesh³, Barbados⁴, Brazil⁵, Burkina Faso⁶, the Democratic Republic of the Congo⁷, Kenya⁸, Lesotho⁹, Maldives¹⁰, Myanmar¹¹ and Timor-Leste¹² submitted respective tranches of their HPMPs. However, no tranches were submitted by the Governments of Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, the Central African

¹ The Executive Committee decided that a separate sub-agenda item on delays in the submission of annual tranches and disbursement of funds for tranches and obligations should be included for future meetings.

² UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/31.

³ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/32.

⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/33.

⁵ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/34.

⁶ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/35.

⁷ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/40.

⁸ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/41.

⁹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/42.

¹⁰ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/43.

¹¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/46.

¹² UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/51.

Republic¹³, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Guinea, Kuwait, Mozambique, the Niger, the Philippines¹⁴, Qatar, Suriname, Turkey and Viet Nam¹⁵.

Analysis of tranches not submitted to the 80th meeting

3. Forty-one activities associated with tranches of HPMPs for 24 countries, at a total value of US \$24,468,120 (including agency support costs), due for submission to the 80th meeting were not submitted, as shown in Annex I to the present document¹⁶.

Reason for delays and impact on compliance

4. The reasons for delays in the submission of tranches of HPMPs include: Government decisions and/or endorsements and/or changes in the NOU and/or structural change (10); lack of mandatory verification report (8); sufficient funds from previous tranches still available (5); disbursement below the 20 per cent threshold of approved funds for the previous tranche (14); delays in implementation of investment components (6); security issues (3); delays in previous tranche (1); signing of agreements (12); lead agency not ready for submission (7); internal difficulties (2); customs procedures (2); or no submission of progress and/or financial reports (1).

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. All outstanding tranches are expected to be submitted to the 81st meeting except for Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Morocco and South Africa which may be submitted to the 82nd meeting.

Recommendations

6. The Executive Committee may wish:

(a) To note:

- (i) The report on tranche submission delays contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/80/15;
- (ii) The information on tranche submission delays under HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) submitted by the Governments of France and Japan, and UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank;
- (iii) That 28 out of 69 activities related to tranches of HPMPs due for submission to the 80th meeting had been submitted on time;
- (iv) That relevant implementing agencies had indicated that the late submission of the tranches of HPMPs due for submission at the third meeting of 2017 would have no impact, or were unlikely to have an impact on compliance with the Montreal Protocol, and that there had been no indication that any of the countries concerned were in non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol control measures; and

¹³ As per decision 79/24(b), the Central African Republic could submit to the 80th or 81st meeting.

¹⁴ The Government of the Philippines has requested cancellation of the remaining tranche of stage I of its HPMP.

¹⁵ As per decision 79/24(b), Viet Nam could submit to the 80th or 81st meeting.

¹⁶ For comparison, at the 79th meeting, 41 tranches for 26 countries that were due were not submitted.

- (b) To request the Secretariat to send letters to relevant governments on the decisions on tranche submission delays in Annex I to the present report.

Annex I

TRANCHES NOT SUBMITTED TO THE 80TH MEETING

Country	Agency	Tranche	Amount (with support costs) (US \$)	Reason for delay/withdrawal	Views expressed by the Executive Committee
Algeria (Stage I)	UNIDO	2014	154,800	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the third (2014) tranche of stage I of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) for Algeria had not been submitted due to the delays in a number of project components including verification, customs training, flushing, and urging the Government of Algeria to work with UNIDO so that the third (2014) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st meeting, with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the third (2014) and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Antigua and Barbuda (Stage I)	UNEP	2015	6,610	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change/submission of progress and financial reports/internal difficulties	Noting that the second (2015) tranche of stage I of the HPMP for Antigua and Barbuda had not been submitted due to hurricanes that heavily impact the country in 2017 and urging the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to submit the required progress and financial reports and to work with UNEP so that the second (2015) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st meeting.
Bahrain (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	141,250	Investment component implementation	Noting the delays due to revised timeline of the HPMP for Bahrain, and urging the Government of Bahrain to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st or 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2016	1,002,211	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	
Brunei Darussalam (Stage I)	UNEP	2017	7,910	Lack of verification report	Noting that the verification of HCFC consumption targets has not been completed and the delay due to slow process of setting up and signing the contract for the reclamation centre, and urging the Government of Brunei Darussalam to work with UNEP to complete the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption targets, and with UNEP and UNDP to submit the third (2017) tranche of stage I of the HPMP to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2017 tranche.
	UNDP	2017	35,970	Investment component implementation	
Burundi (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	39,550	Lack of verification report	Noting that the verification of HCFC consumption targets has not been completed and urging the Government of Burundi to work with UNEP to complete the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption targets, and with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the third (2016) and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2016	87,200	Lead agency not ready for submission	

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China (Stage II – PU rigid foam sector)	World Bank	2017	11,289,000	Signing of agreement/project document/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the agreement had not been signed and the overall disbursement rate of the first tranche of stage II of the HPMP for the polyurethane (PU) rigid foam sector was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of China to work with the World Bank to expedite the signing of the agreement so that the second (2017) tranche of stage II of the HPMP for the PU rigid foam sector can be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2017 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
China (Stage II - refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing sector, including enabling)	UNEP	2017	2,854,061	Signing of agreement/project document/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting the delays in signing the agreements and/or project documents and the overall disbursement rate of the first tranche of stage II of the HPMP for the refrigeration and air-conditioning (RAC) servicing sector and enabling programme was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of China to work with the Government of Japan and UNEP so that the second (2017) tranche of stage II of the HPMP for the RAC servicing sector and enabling programme can be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2017 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	Japan	2017	90,400	Signing of agreement/project document/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Cote d'Ivoire (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	168,156	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting that the delays from the second tranche had been resolved and urging the Government of Cote d'Ivoire to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2016	492,200	Lead agency not ready for submission	
Dominica (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	74,354	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/structural change/ lack of verification report/internal difficulties/signing of agreement or project document	Noting the delays in signing the agreements or project documents and that the verification on HCFC consumption targets has not been completed, and urging the Government of Dominica to work with UNEP to complete the mandatory verification report so that the second (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 tranche.
Equatorial Guinea (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	39,550	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/lack of verification report	Noting that the verification of HCFC consumption targets has not been completed and urging the Government of Equatorial Guinea to work with UNEP to complete the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption targets and to work with UNEP and UNIDO to submit the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2016	81,750	Lead agency not ready for submission	

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Georgia (Stage I)	UNDP	2017	128,355	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/structural change	Noting the delays due to changes in the project management team and urging the Government of Georgia to work with UNDP so that the third (2017) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the third (2017) tranche.
Guinea (Stage I)	UNIDO	2016	172,000	Lead agency not ready for submission	Noting that the verification of HCFC consumption targets has not been completed and urging the Government of Guinea to work with UNEP to complete the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption targets, and with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the third (2016) and subsequent tranches.
	UNEP	2016	73,450	Lack of verification report	
Iraq (Stage I)	UNEP	2017	247,634	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/signing of agreement or project document	Noting the delays in signing the agreement or project document and customs procedure, and urging the Government of Iraq to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2017) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st or 82 nd meeting.
	UNIDO	2017	225,750	Custom procedure	
Kuwait (Stage I)	UNIDO	2016	1,128,684	Investment component implementation/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting the delays in signing the agreement or project document and 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 UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP can be submitted to the 81 st or 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the third (2016) and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNEP	2016	371,703	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/signing of agreement or project document	
Morocco (Stage I)	UNIDO	2017	37,625	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the third tranche of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of Morocco to work with UNIDO so that the fourth (2017) tranche of stage I of the HPMP can be submitted to the 81 st or 82 nd meeting on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.

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Mozambique (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	33,900	Signing of agreement or project document/lack of verification report	Noting the delays in signing the agreement or project document, customs procedure and that the verification report on HCFC consumption targets has not been completed, and urging the Government of Mozambique to work with UNEP to complete the activities and the mandatory verification report, and with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the third (2016) and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2016	81,750	Customs procedure	
Niger (the) (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	141,250	Lead agency not ready for submission	Noting that the verification report on HCFC consumption targets had not been completed, and urging the Government of the Niger to work with UNIDO to submit the mandatory verification report, and with UNEP and UNIDO to submit the second (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP to the 81 st meeting, with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the second (2016) tranche.
	UNIDO	2016	96,750	Lack of verification report	
Qatar (Stage I)	UNEP	2013	169,500	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/signing of agreement/project document	Noting the delays in signing the agreement or project document and urging the Government of Qatar to work with UNEP and UNIDO to address all the relevant issues that are related to the signing of the agreement so that the second (2013) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2013 and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2013	571,935	Signing of agreement/project document	
Saudi Arabia (Stage I)	UNIDO	2016	909,500	Investment component implementation/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the conditions in the Agreement with the Executive Committee updated at the 72 nd meeting for the refrigeration servicing sub-sector have not been met and the overall disbursement rate of the fourth (2015) tranche of stage I of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of Saudi Arabia to work with UNIDO so that the fifth (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP can be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
South Africa (Stage I)	UNIDO	2016	534,585	Delays from previous tranche/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the third (2015) tranche of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of South Africa to work with UNIDO so that the fourth (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP can be submitted to the 81 st or 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.

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Suriname (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	39,550	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change/lack of verification report	Noting that there were some staffing issues in the national ozone unit and that the verification report on HCFC consumption targets has not been completed, and urging the Government of Suriname to work with UNEP to submit the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption targets, and with UNEP and UNIDO to submit the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 tranche.
	UNIDO	2016	31,610	Lead agency not ready for submission	
Trinidad and Tobago (Stage I)	UNDP	2017	155,875	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	Noting the delays due to the request from the NOU to submit the tranche to the 81 st meeting and urging the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to work with UNDP so that the fourth (2017) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2017 tranche.
Tunisia (Stage I)	France	2017	78,769	Investment component implementation/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that there had been delays in the implementation of the RAC sector and the overall disbursement rate of the second (2015) tranche of stage I of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of Tunisia to work with the Government of France, UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2017) tranche of stage I of the HPMP can be submitted to the 81 st meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNEP	2017	16,950	Lead agency not ready for submission	
	UNIDO	2017	116,003	Investment component implementation/20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Turkey (Stage I)	UNIDO	2016	1,710,770	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the second (2015) tranche of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of Turkey to work with UNIDO to expedite implementation so that the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP can be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 and subsequent tranches, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (Stage II)	UNDP	2017	214,000	Security issues/Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	Noting that there are ongoing security issues and urging the Government of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) to work with UNDP and UNIDO to expedite the implementation of the first (2016) tranche so that the second (2017) tranche of stage II of the HPMP can be submitted to the 81 st meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2017 tranche and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2017	615,250	Security issues/Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	
Total			24,468,120*		

*Excluding the Central African Republic and Viet Nam for which the tranche could be submitted to the 80th or 81st meeting, and the Philippines for which cancellation of the remaining tranche of stage I of its HPMP has been requested by the Government.