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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 80th meeting; an analysis of each of the tranches that were not submitted to the 81st meeting; reasons for the withdrawal of tranches that were submitted to the 81st meeting; and the recommendation.

Follow-up to decisions taken on tranche submission delays at the 80th meeting

2. Pursuant to decision 80/33(b), the Secretariat sent letters to the Governments of 23 Article 5 countries to urge the submission of the next tranche of their HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) to the 81st meeting. As a result, the Governments of Burundi², China (polyurethane rigid foam sector)³, China (servicing sector)⁴, Equatorial Guinea⁵, Georgia⁶, Niger⁷, Suriname⁸ and Trinidad and Tobago⁹ submitted respective tranches of their HPMPs. However, the Governments of Algeria, Antigua and

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/81/26.

³ Submitted but subsequently withdrawn.

⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/81/29.

⁵ Submitted but subsequently withdrawn.

⁶ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/81/34.

⁷ Submitted but subsequently withdrawn.

⁸ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/81/49.

⁹ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/81/50.

Barbuda, Brunei Darussalam, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominica, Guinea, Iraq¹⁰, Kuwait¹¹, Morocco¹², Mozambique, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa¹³, Tunisia, Turkey and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) did not submit their tranche request.

Analysis of tranches not submitted to the 81st meeting

3. Forty-three activities associated with tranches of HPMPs for 32 countries, at a total value of US \$23,300,608 (including agency support costs), due for submission to the 81st meeting were not submitted, as shown in Annex I to the present document¹⁴. In addition, five tranches of stage I or stage II of HPMPs amounting to US \$11,682,200 (including agency support costs) were submitted to the 81st meeting, but subsequently withdrawn by relevant implementing agencies during the project review process, and are also presented in Annex I.

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 (12); lack of mandatory verification report (8); sufficient funds from previous tranches still available (17); disbursement below the 20 per cent threshold of approved funds for the previous tranche (16); delays in implementation of investment components (1); security issues (2); signing of agreements (10); lead or cooperating agency not ready for submission (3); internal or external difficulties (8); enterprise difficulties (3); or no submission of progress and/or financial reports (1).

5. As reported by the relevant bilateral and 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 82nd meeting except for Barbados, Haiti and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines which may be submitted to the 83rd 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/81/13;
- (ii) The information on tranche submission delays under HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) submitted by the Government of France, and UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank;
- (iii) That 44 out of 87 activities related to tranches of HPMPs due for submission to the 81st meeting had been submitted on time;

¹⁰ As per decision 80/33(b), Iraq could submit to the 81st or 82nd meeting.

¹¹ As per decision 80/33(b), Kuwait could submit to the 81st or 82nd meeting.

¹² As per decision 80/33(b), Morocco could submit to the 81st or 82nd meeting.

¹³ As per decision 80/33(b), South Africa could submit to the 81st or 82nd meeting.

¹⁴ For comparison, at the 80th meeting, 41 tranches for 24 countries that were due were not submitted.

- (iv) That relevant bilateral and implementing agencies had indicated that the late submission of the tranches of HPMPs due for submission at the first meeting of 2018 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
- (b) To request the Secretariat to send letters to relevant governments regarding the decisions on tranche submission delays contained in Annex I to the present report.

Annex I

TRANCHES NOT SUBMITTED TO THE 81ST 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 change in NOU 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 82 nd 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 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 or external difficulties	Noting that the second (2015) tranche of stage I of the HPMP for Antigua and Barbuda had not been submitted due to structural changes within the Government 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 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2015 tranche.
Barbados (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	47,460	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting that the third (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP for Barbados had not been submitted as the second tranche approved at the 80 th meeting has not yet implemented and is pending closure of the first tranche, and urging the Government of Barbados to work with UNEP so that the closure of the second tranche is completed and the third (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd or 83 rd meeting.
Bosnia and Herzegovina (Stage I)	UNIDO	2018	33,170	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to work with UNIDO so that the fourth (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Brazil (Stage II)	Germany	2018	2,626,696	20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the second (2017) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of Brazil to work with the Government of Germany, UNDP and UNIDO so that the third (2018) tranche of stage II
	UNDP	2018	7,670,184	20 per cent disbursement threshold/Enterprise difficulties	

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	UNIDO	2018	3,659,442	20 per cent disbursement threshold	of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Brunei Darussalam (Stage I)	UNEP	2017	7,910	Lack of verification report	Noting that the mandatory verification of HCFC consumption targets has not been completed and the delay due to slow implementation to initiate operation of the reclamation centre, and urging the Government of Brunei Darussalam to work with UNEP to complete the verification, and with UNEP and UNDP to submit the third (2017) tranche of stage I of the HPMP to the 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the third (2017) and subsequent tranches.
	UNDP	2017	35,970	Investment component implementation/internal or external difficulties	
Central African Republic (Stage I)	UNEP	2013	62,150	Internal or external difficulties/securities issues/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting the ongoing difficult circumstances in the country and urging the Government of the Central African Republic to work with UNEP to expedite the implementation of the first (2011) tranche so that the second (2013) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2013 and subsequent tranches.
Chad (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	50,850	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/lack of verification report	Noting that the mandatory verification of HCFC consumption targets had not been completed and urging the Government of Chad to work with UNEP to complete the verification, and to submit the fourth (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP to the 82 nd meeting.
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 second (2017) tranche of stage II of the HPMP for the polyurethane (PU) rigid foam sector submitted to the 81 st meeting had been withdrawn, 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 could be submitted to the 82 nd 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.
Comoros (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	33,900	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/lack of verification report	Noting that the mandatory verification of HCFC consumption targets has not been completed and urging the Government of Comoros to work with UNEP to complete the verification, and to submit the fourth (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP to the 82 nd meeting.
Congo (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	28,250	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/signing of agreement/project document	Noting that the agreements had been signed and urging the Government of Congo to work with UNEP so that the fourth (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting.

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Cote d'Ivoire (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	168,156	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting that the delays from the second tranche of stage I of the HPMP 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 82 nd 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	
Cuba (Stage I)	UNDP	2018	107,500	Internal or external difficulties/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the third (2016) tranche of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of Cuba to work with UNDP so that the fourth (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Djibouti (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	49,720	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	Noting that the delays from the second (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP had been resolved and urging the Government of Djibouti to work with UNEP so that the third (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting.
Dominica (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	74,354	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change/internal or external difficulties/ lack of verification report	Noting the delays due to structural changes within the Government and the NOU and the mandatory verification on HCFC consumption targets has not been completed, and urging the Government of Dominica to work with UNEP to complete the verification so that the second (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 and subsequent tranches.
Equatorial Guinea (Stage I)	UNEP	2016 and 2018	73,450	Lack of an operational licensing and quota system	Noting that the third (2016) and fourth (2018) tranches submitted to the 81 st meeting were withdrawn by the relevant implementing agencies due to the lack of an operational licensing and quota system, and urging the Government of Equatorial Guinea to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2016) and fourth (2018) tranches of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 and subsequent tranches; with an adjusted starting point for aggregate reductions in HCFC consumption that takes into account the actual HCFC consumption in the country, and on the understanding that the Government of Equatorial Guinea confirms that the licensing system has been stabilized and the quota system is functional.
	UNIDO	2016	81,750	Lack of an operational licensing and quota system	
Gabon (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	56,500	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change	Noting that the delays from the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP had been resolved and urging the Government of Gabon to work with UNEP so that the fourth (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting.

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Guinea (Stage I)	UNIDO	2016	172,000	Lead agency not ready for submission	Noting the delays due to slow implementation of activities and urging the Government of Guinea to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 and subsequent tranches.
	UNEP	2016	73,450	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	
Haiti (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	95,916	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change/signing of agreement/project document/internal or external difficulties/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting the delays due to structural changes within the Government and because the agreement had not been signed, and urging the Government of Haiti to work with UNEP to expedite the signing of the agreement so that the third (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd or 83 rd meeting.
Mali (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	58,760	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/internal or external difficulties/security issues	Noting that the delays from the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP had been resolved and urging the Government of Mali to work with UNEP so that the fourth (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting.
Mozambique (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	33,900	Signing of agreement/project document/lack of verification report/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the agreement had not been signed, the mandatory verification report on HCFC consumption targets has not been completed, and the overall disbursement rate of the second tranche of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold, and urging the Government of Mozambique to work with UNEP and UNIDO to expedite the signing of the agreement and to complete the activities and the verification, so that the third (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 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.
	UNIDO	2016	81,750	Signing of agreement/project document/lack of verification report/20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Niger (the) (Stage I)	UNEP	2016	141,250	Lack of an operational licensing and quota system	Noting that the second (2016) tranche submitted to the 81 st meeting were withdrawn by the relevant implementing agencies due to the lack of an operational licensing and quota system, and urging the Government of the Niger to work with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2016 and subsequent tranches, with an adjusted starting point for aggregate reductions in HCFC consumption that takes into account the actual HCFC consumption in the country, and on the understanding that the Government of the Niger confirms that the licensing system has been stabilized and the quota system is functional.
	UNIDO	2016	96,750	Lack of an operational licensing and quota system	

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Pakistan (Stage II)	UNEP	2018	225,976	Signing of agreement/project document/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the agreement (UNEP) had not been signed and the overall disbursement rate of the first tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of Pakistan to work with UNEP to expedite the signing of the agreement, and with UNEP and UNIDO so that the second (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
	UNIDO	2018	2,118,442	20 per cent disbursement threshold	
Panama (Stage II)	UNDP	2018	412,806	Signing of agreement/project document/ 20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the project document had been signed but the overall disbursement rate of the first (2016) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of Panama to work with UNDP so that the second (2018) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting, on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Republic of Moldova (the) (Stage II)	UNEP	2018	29,493	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the overall disbursement rate of the first (2016) tranche of stage II of the HPMP was below the 20 per cent disbursement threshold and urging the Government of the Republic of Moldova to work with UNEP so that the second (2018) tranche of stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting on the understanding that the 20 per cent disbursement threshold for funding of the previous tranche had been achieved.
Qatar (Stage I)	UNEP	2013	169,500	Signing of agreement/project document/ sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting that the agreement or project document for stage I of the HPMP had not been signed and urging the Government of Qatar to work with UNEP and UNIDO to address all the issues related to the signing of the agreement before the 82 nd meeting so that a proposal for stage II of the HPMP could be submitted to the 83 rd meeting, otherwise the project would be considered for possible cancellation at the 82 nd meeting in the absence of any progress, and the outstanding balances returned to the Multilateral Fund.
	UNIDO	2013	571,935	Signing of agreement/project document/ sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	
Rwanda (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	33,900	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/structural change/ signing of agreement/project document	Noting the delays due to the change of NOU and urging the Government of Rwanda to work with UNEP so that the fourth (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting.
Saint Lucia (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	10,396	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/structural change/ sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting the slow implementation of the third (2015) tranche of stage I of the HPMP due to structural changes within the Government and urging the Government of Saint Lucia to work with UNEP to expedite the

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					implementation of the third tranche (2015) so that the fourth (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting.
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	116,390	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved/signing of agreement/project document	Noting the slow implementation of the second (2015) tranche of the HPMP due to structural changes within the Government and urging the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to work with UNEP to expedite the implementation of the second (2015) tranche so that the third (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd or 83 rd meeting.
Saudi Arabia (Stage I)	UNIDO	2016	909,500	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change/lack of verification report/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting that the mandatory verification of HCFC consumption targets has not been completed 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 to complete the verification so that the fifth (2016) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 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.
Sierra Leone (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	23,730	Lack of verification report	Noting that the mandatory verification on HCFC consumption targets has not been completed and urging the Government of Sierra Leone to work with UNEP to complete the verification so that the fourth (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting.
Togo (Stage I)	UNEP	2018	45,200	Government decisions/endorsements/changes in the NOU/structural change/sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	Noting that the delays from the third tranche of stage I of the HPMP had been resolved and urging the Government of Togo to work with UNEP so that the fourth (2018) tranche of stage I of the HPMP could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting.
Tunisia (Stage I)	France	2017	78,769	Enterprise difficulties	Noting that there had been delays in the implementation of the refrigeration and air-conditioning sector component of stage I of the HPMP 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 could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2017 tranche.
	UNEP	2017	16,950	Sufficient funds from previous tranche approved	
	UNIDO	2017	116,003	Enterprise difficulties	
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

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Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (Stage II)	UNDP	2017	214,000	Government decisions/endorsements/ changes in the NOU/structural change/ internal or external difficulties/20 per cent disbursement threshold	Noting the difficult circumstances in the country and urging the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela 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 could be submitted to the 82 nd meeting with a revised plan of action to take into account the reallocation of the 2017 tranche and subsequent tranches.
	UNIDO	2017	615,250	Cooperating agency not ready for submission	
Total			34,982,808*		

*Excluding Iraq, Kuwait, Morocco and South Africa for which the tranche could be submitted to the 81st or 82nd meeting.