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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. **Opening of the meeting**

The Chair of the Executive Committee, Ms. Annie Gabriel (Australia), will make opening remarks.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/1 contains the provisional agenda for the 93rd meeting.

Issues to be addressed: None

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to adopt the agenda of the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/1 and, if necessary, as amended verbally at the plenary.

(b) Organization of work

The Chairperson will propose to the plenary the organization of work.

3. Secretariat activities

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/2</u> presents a report on the activities of the Secretariat since the 92^{nd} meeting of the Executive Committee.

Pre-session documents of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol are without prejudice to any decision that the Executive Committee might take following issuance of the document.

Issues to be addressed: None

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to consider requesting the Secretariat to prepare a document, to be submitted to the Executive Committee at its 95th meeting, on mapping the reporting requirements and streamlining reporting on progress across the spectrum of reports taking into account the ongoing development of the knowledge management system.

4. Financial matters

(a) Status of contributions and disbursements

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/3</u> provides information on the status of the Fund as at 8 November 2023. The fund balance stood at US \$523,322,098 in cash, after considering all the funds approved by the Executive Committee, up to and including the 92^{nd} meeting. The amount of US \$246 million pertaining to the remaining funds from the 2018-2020 triennium and to be used after 2023 as per decision ExV/1(2), will be excluded. Accordingly, the balance available for this meeting is US \$277,322,098.

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the report of the Treasurer on the status of contributions and disbursements, contained in annex I to the present document;
- (b) To note the discussions between the representatives of the Government of Israel and the Deputy Executive Director of UNEP as well as the communication with the Secretariat, and to invite the Government to commence its contributions to the Multilateral Fund;
- (c) To note the discussions between the representatives of the Russian Federation and the Deputy Executive Director of UNEP as well as the communication with the Treasurer, and to invite the Government to pay its outstanding contributions to the Multilateral Fund;
- (d) To request the Chief Officer and the Treasurer to continue following up with Parties that had outstanding contributions for one triennium or more, and to report back at the 94th meeting.

(b) Report on balances and availability of resources

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/4</u> presents a summary of the funds being returned by the bilateral and implementing agencies and addresses financial aspects of projects transfer. It includes statistical data from all projects with balances that have been held for over 12 months following completion of the project, and addresses balances to be returned against "by-decision projects". It indicates that US \$281,608,734¹ are available for approvals at the 93rd meeting, after taking into account the Fund's balance and the total amount returned by bilateral and implementing agencies.

Issues to be addressed: None

¹ Excluding the amount of US \$246 million pertaining to the remaining funds from the 2018-2020 triennium and to be used after 2023

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note:
 - (i) The report on balances and availability of resources contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/4;
 - (ii) That the net level of funds being returned by the implementing agencies at the 93rd meeting is US \$4,235,786 consisting of US \$562,920, plus agency support costs of US \$39,505 from UNDP; US \$2,245,847, plus agency support costs of US \$175,064 from UNEP; US \$551,323, plus agency support costs of US \$38,603 from UNIDO; and US \$320,000, plus agency support costs of US \$302,524 from the World Bank;
 - (iii) That UNDP held balances of US \$109,930, including agency support costs, for seven projects completed over two years previously, and US \$7,953, including agency support costs, for two completed projects funded using the additional voluntary contributions made by a group of donor countries to finance fast-start activities for the implementation of HFC phase-down;
 - (iv) That UNIDO held balances of US \$1,828,437 including agency support costs for two projects funded completed over two years previously and US \$122,134, including agency support cost for five completed projects using the additional voluntary contributions made by a group of donor countries to finance fast-start activities for the implementation of HFC phase-down; and
 - (v) That the level of funds being returned at the 93rd meeting by the Government of France is US \$50,850, consisting of US \$45,000 plus agency support costs of US \$5,850.
- (b) To request:
 - (i) UNDP and UNIDO:
 - a. To proceed with disbursement or to cancel committed and not-committed funds that were not needed for completed projects, and to return the associated balances at the 94th meeting;
 - b. To proceed with disbursement or to cancel commitments for the projects completed over two years previously, and to return balances at the 94th meeting; and
 - c. To proceed with disbursement or return at the 94th meeting the balances of completed projects funded using the additional voluntary contributions;
 - (ii) The Treasurer to follow up with the Government of France, on the return, in cash, of the amount of US \$50,850 referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(v) above.

(c) Accounts of the Multilateral Fund

(i) Final 2022 accounts

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/5</u> contains the final accounts of the Multilateral Fund for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the final audited financial statements of the Multilateral Fund as at 31 December 2022, prepared in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/5;
- (b) To request the Treasurer to record in the 2023 accounts of the Multilateral Fund the differences between the implementing agencies' provisional 2022 financial statements and their final 2022 statements reflected in table 1 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/5; and
- (c) To note that the 2022 audit financial report of UNEP referred to the matter of outstanding receivables.

(ii) **Reconciliation of the 2022 accounts**

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/6</u> provides information on the reconciliation of the 2022 accounts with the financial data of the implementing agencies in their annual progress and financial reports as at 31 December 2022, and the Secretariat's Inventory of Approved Projects database. It also provides the outstanding reconciling items.

Issues to be addressed: None

- (a) To note the reconciliation of the 2022 accounts contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/6;
- (b) To request the Treasurer to deduct from future transfers:
 - (i) At the 93rd meeting, to UNDP, US \$457,877, on account of income from interest reported in its 2022 final accounts that had yet to be offset against new approvals;
 - (ii) At the 95th meeting, to the World Bank, US \$45,143, on account of income from cumulative interest accrued during stage I and stage II of the HCFC production phase-out management plan (HPPMP) between 2015 and 2019 reported in its final accounts that had yet to be offset against future approval of the third tranche of stage II of the HPPMP as per decision 86/99(c);
- (c) To request UNDP to make the following adjustments:
 - In its 2023 progress report, US \$316,592 representing expenditure that had been recorded in the 2022 final accounts but not in the progress report, and US \$1,805,836 representing expenditure that had been overstated in the 2022 progress report;
 - (ii) In its 2023 accounts, US \$455,191 representing expenditure from support costs that had been recorded in the 2022 progress report but not in the final accounts, and US \$886 representing over expenditures reflected in the financial statement but not in the progress report;

- (d) To request UNIDO to make adjustments in its 2022 accounts, US \$2,050,407 representing income that had been recorded in 2021, and US \$122,492 representing interest for China deducted in its 2021 accounts but not yet offset against payments by UNIDO;
- (e) To note that the following 2022 outstanding reconciling items would be updated prior to the 95th meeting by relevant implementing agencies:
 - (i) Differences of US \$288 in income and US \$1,524,873 in expenditure, between the progress report and the final accounts of UNIDO;
 - (ii) Differences of US \$1,607,246 in income between the progress report and the final accounts of the World Bank;
- (f) To note the standing reconciling items as follows:
 - (i) For UNDP, for unspecified projects, in the amounts of US \$68,300 and US \$29,054;
 - (ii) For the World Bank, for the following projects implementing with other bilateral agencies where applicable:
 - a. Bilateral cooperation of the Government of Japan (THA/PHA/68/TAS/158), in the amount of US \$342,350;
 - b. Bilateral cooperation of the Government of Japan (VIE/PHA/76/TAS/71) and (VIE/PHA/84/INV/75), in the amount of US \$234,170;
 - c. Bilateral cooperation of the Government of Sweden (THA/HAL/29/TAS/120), in the amount of US \$225,985;
 - d. Bilateral cooperation of the Government of the United States of America (CPR/PRO/44/INV/425), in the amount of US \$5,375,000;
 - e. Bilateral cooperation of the Government of the United States of America (CPR/PRO/47/INV/439), in the amount of US \$5,375,000; and
 - f. The Thailand chiller project (THA/REF/26/INV/104), in the amount of US \$1,198,946.

(d) Approved 2024, 2025 and proposed 2026 budgets of the Fund Secretariat

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/7</u> provides information on the revised 2024 and 2025 budgets, and the proposed 2026 budget of the Fund Secretariat submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee. The document provides the results of the Secretariat's analysis of its non-staff budgets vis-à-vis the global inflation rates and based on comparison of actual costs incurred; this also took into account market research findings and existing binding contractual agreements. It also contains a proposal for additional resources based on this analysis.

Issues to be addressed:

• Analysis of non-staff costs and revision of the 2024 and 2025 budgets

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note:
 - (i) The document on the revised 2023, 2024, 2025, and proposed 2026 budgets of the Fund Secretariat contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/7;
 - (ii) The return, to the Multilateral Fund at the 93rd meeting, of US \$51,558 from the approved 2022 budget of the Fund Secretariat;
 - (iii) The reallocation of funds between budget lines in the 2023 approved budget to absorb the recurrent additional non-staff costs, on the understanding that if funding transfers exceeded the 20 per cent limit within the Chief Officer's authority, the Secretariat would report back to the Executive Committee at its 94th meeting;
- (b) To consider the following additional resources of US \$671,064 for the Secretariat in 2024 and thereafter:
 - (i) Other personnel additional resources of US \$62,800;
 - (ii) Meetings and travel additional resources of US \$582,401;
 - (iii) Operational, equipment, and supplies additional resources of US \$25,863;
- (c) To approve:
 - (i) The revised 2024 budget of [US \$9,281,086] as contained in Annex I to the present report related to the additional resources referred to in sub-paragraph (c) above;
 - (ii) The revised 2025 budget of [US \$8,895,687] as contained in Annex I to the present report related to the additional resources referred to in sub-paragraph (c) above, noting that phase 3 of the knowledge management system has not been included therein; and
 - (iii) The proposed 2026 budget of US \$9,056,985 as contained in Annex I to the present report based on the 2025 revised budget [that includes [US \$671,064] additional resources referred to in sub-paragraph (c) above]; and a 3 per cent increase in staff costs.

5. Country programme data and prospects for compliance

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/8</u> contains the status of, and prospects for, compliance of Article 5 countries (Section I); Article 5 countries subject to decisions on compliance by the Parties (Section II); analysis on the CP implementation reports for HCFCs and HFCs (Section III); issues related to CP implementation reports (Section IV); and a recommendation (Section V). The document also contains annexes providing methyl bromide consumption for quarantine and pre-shipment (QPS) applications (Annex I); an analysis of HCFC consumption of Article 5 countries (Annex II); and HFC data (measured in CO₂-equivalent) (Annex III).

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the information on country programme (CP) data and prospects for compliance contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/8, and that, as at 4 October 2023, 131 countries had submitted 2022 CP data, two had submitted after 4 October 2023 and 11 countries had not done so;
- (b) [Further to note that an additional [??] countries had submitted 2022 CP data after the issuance of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/8;]
- (c) To request:
 - Relevant implementing agencies to continue assisting the respective governments in clarifying the discrepancies between their CP data and Article 7 data for 2022 as indicated in table 13 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/8 and to report back no later than the 94th meeting; and
 - (ii) The Secretariat to send letters to the Governments of [Afghanistan, Angola, Botswana, Central African Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti, Sri Lanka and the United Republic of Tanzania] regarding the outstanding CP data reports for 2022, urging them to submit those reports as soon as possible.

6. Evaluation

(a) Evaluation of the performance of implementing agencies against their 2022 business plans and revised set of performance indicators for the implementing agencies (decision 91/8(c))

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/9</u> presents an analysis of the quantitative and qualitative performance indicators of the performance of bilateral and implementing agencies with respect to the performance targets set in their 2022 business plans, and progress and financial reports submitted to the 93rd meeting, along with a revised set of performance indicators for the implementing agencies prepared in response to decision 91/8(c).

<u>Issues to be addressed</u>: Consider the proposals for a revised set of performance indicators for the bilateral and implementing agencies

- (a) To note:
 - (i) The evaluation of the performance of implementing agencies against their 2022 business plans and revised set of performance indicators for the implementing agencies, as contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/9;
 - (ii) That all implementing agencies had a quantitative assessment of their performance for 2022 of at least 86 on a scale of 100;
 - (iii) That the trend analysis indicated that performance of implementing agencies had not improved in some indicators in 2022 in relation to 2021;
 - (iv) That the quantitative performance in 2022 had improved for two implementing agencies (UNIDO and the World Bank) compared to 2021; and

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- (v) With appreciation, the efforts undertaken by bilateral and implementing agencies to have open and constructive discussions with the respective national ozone units (NOUs) about the areas in which their services were perceived to be less than satisfactory, and the satisfactory outcome of their consultations with the NOUs concerned;
- (b) To request UNDP to have open and constructive discussions with the Dominican Republic to resolve any issues raised in the evaluation of its performance and to report to the 94th meeting on the outcome of the discussions;
- (c) To encourage NOUs to submit, on a yearly basis and in a timely manner, their assessments of the qualitative performance of the bilateral and implementing agencies in assisting their governments, noting that 80 out of the 144 countries had submitted such assessments for 2022, as compared to 75 in 2021; and

Type of Indicator	Short title	Calculation	Weighting
Planning-Approval	Tranches approved	Number of tranches approved vs. those planned*	10
Planning-Approval	Individual projects/	Number of projects/activities approved vs. those	10
	activities approved	planned (including project preparation activities)	
	Sub-total		20
Implementation	Funds disbursed	Based on estimated disbursement in progress report	15
Implementation	ODS phase-out for	ODS phase-out for HCFC-related projects in ODP	10
	HCFC-related projects	tonnes vs. those planned per progress reports	
Implementation	HFC phase-down for	HFC phase-down for HFC-related projects in CO ₂ -eq	10
	HFC-related projects	tonnes vs. those planned per progress reports	
Implementation	Project operational	Project operational completion vs. planned in	15
	completion	progress reports for all activities (excluding project	
		preparation)**	
Implementation	Gender mainstreaming	Operational policy on gender mainstreaming applied	10
		for all projects approved	
Implementation	Sub-total		60
Administrative	Speed of financial	The extent to which projects are financially	10
	completion	completed within 12 months after project operational	
		completion	
Administrative	Timely submission of	Timely submission of project completion reports	5
	project completion reports	based on the progress report	

(d) To modify the performance indicators established in decision 71/28, as follows, noting that the new performance indicators would apply starting with the 2025–2027 business plans:

* The targets of an agency would be reduced "if it could not submit a tranche owing to another cooperating agency or lead agency" or "if the HPMP or KIP submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee was not approved as a result of factors beyond the control of the NOU and agency". ** The targets of an agency would be reduced if an extension of the completion date was approved by the Executive Committee.

(b) Progress update on:

Timely submission of

progress reports and

business plans

Sub-total

Total

(i) The external assessment of the evaluation function of the Multilateral Fund

Timely submission of progress reports and business

plans and responses unless otherwise agreed

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Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/10 presents an update on the external assessment of the evaluation function of the Multilateral Fund, including work done to date, and planned activities for 2024.

Issues to be addressed: None

(ii) The review of project completion reports

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/11</u> presents an update on the review of project completion reports, including work done to date.

Issues to be addressed: None

(c) Terms of reference for the evaluation of the Compliance Assistance Programme

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/12</u> presents potential terms of reference for the evaluation of the Compliance Assistance Programme.

Issues to be addressed: None

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to approve the terms of reference for the desk study for the evaluation of the Compliance Assistance Programme of the United Nations Environment Programme, as contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/12.

(d) Monitoring and evaluation work programme for the years 2024-2025

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/13</u> contains the annual report on the status of implementation of the work programme for 2023 including expenditures, followed by the proposed monitoring and evaluation work plan and budget for 2024–2025.

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To select two thematic evaluations for the year 2025 taking into consideration the proposals contained in paragraphs 18-23 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/13 for inclusion in the monitoring and evaluation work programme for 2024–2025 and to request the Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer to prepare the corresponding terms of reference to be considered, consecutively, by the Executive Committee at the 95th and the 96th meetings;
- (b) To rephase the amount of US \$40,000 out of the provisional unspent balance of US \$79,251 from the year 2023, to the 2024 budget and to return the remaining balance of US \$39,251 to the Multilateral Fund; and
- (c) To approve the monitoring and evaluation work programme for 2024–2025 contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/13 and the related budget of US \$130,000 for the year 2024, which includes the rephased amount from 2023, and a budget of US \$165,000 for the year 2025.

7. **Programme implementation**

(a) **Progress and financial reports as at 31 December 2022**

(i) Consolidated progress report

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/14</u> summarises progress and financial information provided by bilateral and implementing agencies as of 31 December 2022, in their respective progress reports submitted to the 93rd meeting. The report includes a summary of the financial progress in the implementation of projects for 2022 and cumulative since 1991 with a review on the status of implementation of each ongoing project at the country level. It identifies projects with implementation delays and the potential impact on the phase-out of controlled substances, and projects with outstanding issues for consideration by the Executive Committee (Part I); and projects approved for Annex F substances (HFCs) under the additional voluntary contributions for HFC activities and their status of implementation (Part II).

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish to note:

- (a) The consolidated progress report of the Multilateral Fund as at 31 December 2022 contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/14;
- (b) With appreciation, the efforts undertaken by bilateral and implementing agencies in reporting their 2022 activities; and
- (c) That the bilateral and implementing agencies would report, at the 94th meeting, on 105 projects with implementation delays and 16 ongoing projects recommended for additional status reports, as contained in annex III of each individual progress report of bilateral and implementing agencies.

(ii) Bilateral agencies

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/15</u> contains a summary of the progress by the bilateral agencies in the implementation of projects for 2022 and cumulative since 1992. The report includes a review of the status of implementation of projects and identifies projects with implementation delays and the potential impact on the phase-out of controlled substances, and those with outstanding issues for consideration by the Executive Committee (Part I); and projects approved for Annex F substances (HFCs) under the additional voluntary contributions for fast start support for HFC phase-down (Part II). Annex I presents the status of project implementation by country for 2022 in achieved phased out, planned and achieved disbursements and project completion. Annex II presents an overview of the status of project implementation by year. Annex III presents a list of ongoing projects with outstanding issues in the progress report for bilateral agencies.

Issues to be addressed:

• Projects listed in Annex III to document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/15

- (a) To note, with appreciation, the progress reports submitted by the Governments of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Spain contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/15;
- (b) To approve the extension, to 30 June 2024, of the completion date of stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan for Egypt (second tranche (refrigeration servicing sector) (EGY/PHA/84/INV/142)), to allow for completion of the remaining ongoing activities as reflected in table 5 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/15; and
- (c) To approve the recommendations related to ongoing projects with specific issues contained in annex III to the present document.

(iii) UNDP

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/16</u> contains a summary of the progress by UNDP in the implementation of projects for 2022 and cumulative since 1991. The report includes a review of the status of implementation of projects and identifies projects with implementation delays and the potential impact on the phase-out of controlled substances, and those with outstanding issues for consideration by the Executive Committee (Part I); and projects approved for Annex F substances (HFCs) under the additional voluntary contributions for fast start support for HFC phase-down (Part II). Annex I presents the status of project implementation by country for 2022 in achieved phased out, planned and achieved disbursements and project completion. Annex II presents an overview of the status of project implementation by year. Annex III presents a list of ongoing projects with outstanding issues in the progress report for UNDP.

Issues to be addressed:

• Projects listed in Annex III to document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/16.

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the progress report of UNDP as at 31 December 2022 contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/16; and
- (b) To approve the recommendations related to ongoing projects with specific issues contained in annex III to the present document.
 - (iv) UNEP

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/17</u> contains a summary of the progress by UNEP in the implementation of projects for 2022 and cumulative since 1991. The report includes a review of the status of implementation of projects and identifies projects with implementation delays and the potential impact on the phase-out of controlled substances, and those with outstanding issues for consideration by the Executive Committee (Part I); and projects approved for Annex F substances (HFCs) under the additional voluntary contributions for fast start support for HFC phase-down (Part II). Annex I presents the status of project implementation by country for 2022 in achieved phased out, planned and achieved disbursements and project completion. Annex II presents an overview of the status of project implementation by year. Annex III presents a list of ongoing projects with outstanding issues in the progress report for UNEP.

Issues to be addressed:

• Projects listed in Annex III to document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/17

- (a) To note the progress report of UNEP as at 31 December 2022 contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/17;
- (b) To approve the extension, to 31 December 2024, of the completion date of stage I of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) for Dominica: first tranche (DMI/PHA/62/TAS/190) and second tranche (DMI/PHA/84/TAS/25), to allow for completion of the remaining ongoing activities as reflected in table 5 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/17;

- (c) With regard to the HPMP for Afghanistan, to note:
 - (i) The request from the Government of Afghanistan to transfer to UNIDO the following projects: stage I, fourth tranche (AFG/PHA/85/TAS/27) and stage II, first tranche (AFG/PHA/85/TAS/29);
 - (ii) That, at the 94th meeting, the remaining balances from the projects referred to in subparagraph (c)(i) above will be transferred from UNEP to UNIDO; and
 - (iii) That UNIDO will submit the updated Agreements for stage I and stage II of the HPMP for Afghanistan together with the revised implementation plans to the 94^{th meeting};
- (d) To cancel the following projects of the HPMP for Myanmar and to request UNEP to return the remaining balances in line with decision 28/7: stage I, first tranche (MYA/PHA/68/TAS/14), stage I, second tranche (MYA/PHA/80/TAS/18), stage I, third tranche (MYA/PHA/86/TAS/23), preparation for stage II (MYA/PHA/83/PRP/21) and technical assistance for verification report (MYA/PHA/86/TAS/24); and
- (e) To approve the recommendations related to ongoing projects with specific issues contained in annex III to the present document.

(v) UNIDO

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/18</u> contains a summary of the progress by UNIDO in the implementation of projects for 2022 and cumulative since 1991. The report includes a review of the status of implementation of projects and identifies projects with implementation delays and the potential impact on the phase-out of controlled substances, and those with outstanding issues for consideration by the Executive Committee (Part I); and projects approved for Annex F substances (HFCs) under the additional voluntary contributions for fast start support for HFC phase-down (Part II). Annex I presents the status of project implementation by country for 2022 in achieved phased out, planned and achieved disbursements and project completion. Annex II presents an overview of the status of project implementation by year. Annex III presents a list of ongoing projects with outstanding issues in the progress report for UNIDO.

Issues to be addressed:

• Projects listed in Annex III to document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/18

- (a) To note the progress report of UNIDO as at 31 December 2022 contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/18;
- (b) To approve the extension, to 31 December 2024, of the completion dates of the HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) for the countries listed below to allow for completion of the remaining ongoing activities as reflected in table 5 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/18:
 - (i) Jordan (stage II, third tranche) (JOR/PHA/91/INV/114); and
 - (ii) Sudan (the) (stage II, first tranche) (foam sector) (SUD/PHA/75/INV/38);

- (c) To cancel the preparation of stage II of the HPMP for Myanmar (MYA/PHA/83/PRP/20) and to request UNIDO to return the remaining balances in line with decision 28/7; and
- (d) To approve the recommendations related to ongoing projects with specific issues contained in annex III to the present document.

(vi) World Bank

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/19</u> contains a summary of the progress by the World Bank in the implementation of projects for 2022 and cumulative since 1991. The report includes a review of the status of implementation of projects and identifies projects with implementation delays and the potential impact on the phase-out of controlled substances, and those with outstanding issues for consideration by the Executive Committee (Part I); and projects approved for Annex F substances (HFCs) under the additional voluntary contributions for fast start support for HFC phase-down (Part II). Annex I presents the status of project implementation by country for 2022 in achieved phased out, planned and achieved disbursements and project completion. Annex II presents an overview of the status of project implementation by year. Annex III presents a list of ongoing projects with outstanding issues in the progress report for the World Bank.

Issues to be addressed:

• Projects listed in Annex III to document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/19

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the progress report of the World Bank as at 31 December 2022 contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/19;
- (b) To approve the extension, to 31 December 2024, of the completion date of stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan for Jordan (first tranche (polyurethane foam sector) (JOR/PHA/77/INV/99), second tranche (polyurethane foam sector, project management and coordination) (JOR/PHA/84/INV/108) and third tranche (JOR/PHA/88/PRP/110)), to allow for completion of the remaining ongoing activities as reflected in table 5 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/19; and
- (c) To approve the recommendations related to ongoing projects with specific issues contained in annex III to the present document.

(b) **Reports on projects with specific reporting requirements**

(i) **Reports on projects with no outstanding issues**

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/20</u> addresses the projects with specific reporting requirements submitted to the 93rd meeting which, after the Secretariat's review, have no outstanding issues and therefore do not require the Executive Committee to consider them individually.

A. Reports related to HCFC phase-out management plans

<u>Argentina:</u> <u>HCFC</u> phase-out management plan (stage II – availability of low-global-warming-potential alternatives to HCFC-141b in the foam sector and transitional use of high-global-warming-potential alternatives)</u> (UNIDO and the Government of Italy) (paragraphs 2-9)

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note:
 - The report on the status of availability of low-global-warming-potential (GWP) alternatives to HCFC-141b in the foam sector and on the transitional use of high-GWP alternatives in the context of stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan for Argentina, provided by UNIDO and contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/20;
 - (ii) That the enterprise Termica San Luis has changed the selected technology from HFO to cyclopentane, at no additional incremental cost; and
- (b) To request the Government of Argentina and UNIDO, in line with decision 92/31(c)(ii), to provide an update at the 94th meeting on the local market availability of low-GWP alternatives to HCFC-141b in the foam sector and on the transitional use of high-GWP alternatives.

<u>Brazil: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II – report on the temporary use of technology</u> with high global-warming potential at Amino, Flexivel, and U-Tech) (UNDP) (paragraphs 10-17)

Issues to be addressed: None

- (a) To note:
 - (i) The report provided by UNDP on the temporary use of alternatives with high global-warming potential (GWP) in the systems houses Amino, Flexível and U-Tech under stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) for Brazil, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/20;
 - (ii) That the systems houses Amino and Flexível discontinued the temporary use of high-GWP technology and introduced low-GWP technologies for all its clients;
- (b) To request UNDP:
 - (i) To continue assisting the Government of Brazil in securing the supply of alternative technologies with low GWP to the U-Tech systems house, on the understanding that any incremental operating costs related to the conversions (where applicable) would not be paid until the technology originally selected or another low-GWP technology had been fully introduced; and

(ii) To provide, as part of the next tranche request of stage II of the HPMP for Brazil, a report on the status of temporary use of high-GWP alternatives, along with an update from the suppliers on the progress made towards ensuring that the selected technologies, including the associated components, were available on a commercial basis in the country.

<u>Côte d'Ivoire: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I – progress report on the implementation of the work programme associated with the final tranche and the project completion report)</u> (UNEP and UNIDO) (paragraphs 18-23)

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish to note:

- (a) To note the progress report on the implementation of the work programme associated with the final tranche of stage I of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) for Côte d'Ivoire, as submitted by UNEP and contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/20; and
- (b) To request UNEP and UNIDO to submit the project completion report for stage I of the HPMP for Côte d'Ivoire no later than 30 June 2024.

<u>Kyrgyzstan: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II – verification report)</u> (UNDP and UNEP) (paragraphs 24-27)

Issues to be addressed: None

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to note the verification report on HCFC consumption for 2019 to 2022 for Kyrgyzstan, as submitted by UNDP and contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/20.

<u>South Africa – HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I – progress report) (UNIDO)</u> (paragraphs 28-30)

Issues to be addressed: None

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to take note of the submission by UNIDO of the progress report on the implementation of the work programme associated with the final tranche of stage I of the HCFC phase out management plan for South Africa, which will be reviewed and presented by the Secretariat at the 94th meeting.

<u>Uruguay: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage II – progress report on the implementation of the conversion of the foam sector) (UNDP)</u> (paragraphs 31-36)

Issues to be addressed: None

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to request UNDP to provide at the 94th meeting an updated report of progress, in addition to what had been submitted at the 93rd meeting, for the project for the conversion of the foam enterprises and the availability of hydrofluoroolefin (HFO)/HFO-based polyurethane systems and their associated components and of the legislation to ban the import and use of HCFC-141and HCFC-141b contained in pre-blended polyols funded under stage II of the HCFC phase-out management plan for Uruguay.

B. Reports on additional activities to maintain energy efficiency (decision 89/6)

<u>Maldives: Additional activities to maintain energy efficiency for the servicing sector under</u> <u>decision 89/6(b)</u> (UNEP) (paragraphs 37-44)

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the report on the project for additional activities for the introduction of alternatives to HCFCs with low or zero global-warming potential and for maintaining energy efficiency in the refrigeration servicing sector in Maldives;
- (b) To approve, on an exceptional basis the extension of the completion date of the project referred to in subparagraph (a) to 30 June 2025 on the understanding that no further extension would be requested; and
- (c) To request the Government of Maldives and UNEP to continue submitting progress reports on the implementation of the project referred to in subparagraph (a) above, on a yearly basis until the completion of the project, and a project completion report to the second meeting of the Executive Committee in 2025.

C. Reports related to HFCs

India: request for extension of the completion date of enabling activities for HFC phase down (UNEP) (paragraphs 45-47)

Issues to be addressed: None

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to approve the extension of the completion date of enabling activities for HFC phase-down for India to 30 June 2024, on the understanding that no further extension would be requested, and that UNEP would submit, within six months of the project completion date, a final report of the enabling activities completed in line with decision 81/32(b).

D. Reports on methyl bromide

Argentina: Critical use exemptions (UNIDO) (paragraphs 48-50)

Issues to be addressed: None

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to note that the reported level of consumption of methyl bromide for Argentina in 2022 was zero, as per the Agreement between the Government and the Executive Committee, except for the critical-use exemptions approved by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

E. Reports related to chillers

Argentina: Global chiller replacement project (final report) (UNIDO) (paragraphs 51-55)

Issues to be addressed: None

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to note the final report on the global chiller replacement project (GLO/REF/80/DEM/344) in Argentina, as submitted by UNIDO and contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/20.

(ii) Reports on projects with outstanding issues for individual consideration

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/21</u> addresses the projects with specific reporting requirements submitted to the 93rd meeting which, after the Secretariat's review, present outstanding issues and require the Executive Committee to consider them individually.

A. Reports related to HCFC phase-out management plans

Libya: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I – progress report) (UNIDO) (paragraphs 2-21)

Issue to be addressed: Request for cancellation of the conversion project at Al Najam Company

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the final progress report on the implementation of stage I of the HCFC phase-out management plan (HPMP) for Libya, submitted by UNIDO and contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/21;
- (b) To cancel the project for the conversion of foam manufacturing at Al Najam planned under stage I of the HPMP; and
- (c) To request UNIDO to return the funding balance from stage I of the HPMP to the 94^{th} meeting.

<u>Mauritania: HCFC phase-out management plan (stage I – review status of the HCFC survey report</u> and recommendations on the revised starting point and the revised Agreement) (UNEP) (paragraphs 22-36 and Annex I)

Issues to be addressed:

• Review status of the HCFC survey report and recommendations on the revised starting point and the revised Agreement

- (a) To note:
 - (i) The review status of the HCFC survey report, recommendations on the revised starting point and the revised Agreement in the context of HCFC phase-out management plan for Mauritania contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/21;
 - (ii) With appreciation, the efforts from the Government of Mauritania with the assistance from UNEP to conduct the survey for determining the HCFC consumption;
 - (iii) That the starting point for aggregate reduction in HCFC consumption has been established at 10.67 ODP tonnes based on the results of the survey referred to in subparagraph (b)(ii) and taking into account the level of uncertainty related to the indicators used for leakages rate and average charge of equipment;
 - (iv) That the Fund Secretariat has updated the Agreement between the Government of Mauritania and the Executive Committee, as contained in annex I to the present document, specifically: paragraph 1, Appendices 1-A, 2-A and 7-A resulting from

the establishment of the starting point referred to in subparagraph (b)(iii) and paragraph 16, which has been updated to indicate that the revised updated Agreement supersedes that reached at the 88th meeting;

- (b) To request UNEP:
 - (i) Pursuant to decision 63/17, to continue assisting the Government of Mauritania in strengthening their licensing and quota system and their systems to record imports and exports of HCFCs to be able to account for the export of HCFCs used by foreign vessels from 2023 and to improve the use of customs codes; and
 - (ii) To report to the 95th meeting steps taken to strengthen the HCFC import and export licensing and quota systems.

B. Reports related to HFC projects

<u>Argentina: Control of emissions of HFC-23 generated in the production of HCFC-22</u> (UNIDO) (paragraphs 37-48)

Issue to be addressed:

• Progress report on the implementation of the project for the control of emissions of HFC-23 generated in the production of HCFC-22 at Frio Industrias Argentina

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) The progress report on the implementation of the project for the control of emissions of HFC-23 generated in the production of HCFC-22 at Frio Industrias Argentina, submitted by UNIDO, and contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/21; and
- (b) That UNIDO will provide an update to clarify the quantity of HFC-23 by-product stored in the cryogenic tank, in line with decision 92/18(b), during the 93rd meeting.

(c) 2023 consolidated project completion report

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/22</u> presents the consolidated summary report of PCRs submitted after the 92nd meeting for their consideration at the 93rd meeting. The report summarises reasons for delays in project completion and lessons learned from implementation, for MYAs and individual projects.

Issues to be addressed: None

- (a) To note:
 - (i) The 2023 consolidated project completion report (PCR) (part II) contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/22;
 - (ii) That the submission of a PCR for technical assistance for verification reports will no longer be required from 2024 onwards;

- (b) To request:
 - Bilateral and implementing agencies to submit, to the 94th meeting of the Executive Committee, outstanding project completion report (PCRs) for multi-year agreements (MYAs) and individual projects or to provide reasons for failing to do so;
 - (ii) Lead and cooperating implementing agencies to continue coordinating their work closely in finalizing their respective portions of PCRs to facilitate the timely submission of the reports by the lead implementing agency;
 - (iii) Bilateral and implementing agencies, when filling in the data for PCR submissions, to ensure the inclusion of relevant and useful information, including gender information, and reporting lessons learned and reasons for delays in project implementation for their use in future improvements in project design and implementation; and
- (c) To invite all those involved in the preparation and implementation of MYAs and individual projects, in particular the Secretariat and the bilateral and implementing agencies, to take into consideration the lessons learned from PCRs, where applicable.

8. Business planning

(a) Update on the status of implementation of the 2023-2025 consolidated business plan of the Multilateral Fund

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/23</u> presents a summary on the status of implementation of the 2023-2025 business plan, the status of implementation of the 2023 business plan in light of the submissions to the 93rd meeting, forward commitments for multi-year agreements for the period 2023 to 2031, and resource allocation for the 2021–2023 triennium.

Issues to be addressed:

• HFC phase-down activities, pilot projects for energy efficiency and preparation of national inventories of banks of waste-controlled substances submitted to the 93rd meeting that were not in the 2023–2025 business plans

- (a) To note:
 - (i) The update on the status of implementation of the 2023–2025 consolidated business plan of the Multilateral Fund as contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/23;
 - (ii) That the total value of activities as requested to the 93rd meeting amounts to US \$100,567,379 (including US \$23,789,140 for HFC-related activities, US \$7,419,281 for pilot projects for energy efficiency and US \$3,222,500 for the preparation of national inventories of banks of waste-controlled substances), of which US \$12,521,905 is associated with project proposals not included in the 2023 business plan; and

(b) To allow, on an exceptional basis, bilateral and implementing agencies to submit, during the year 2024, projects for the preparation of national inventories of banks of waste-controlled substances under the funding window established pursuant to decision 91/66, even in cases where such projects are not included in the agencies' business plans.

(b) Tranche submission delays

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/24</u> presents actions taken in response to decisions on tranche submission delays adopted at the 92^{nd} meeting; an analysis of each of the tranches that were due but were not submitted to the 93^{rd} meeting and the tranches that were submitted but subsequently withdrawn during the project review process. It also provides an overview of the reasons for the delays and the impact on compliance with the countries' obligations under the Montreal Protocol, and the Secretariat's recommendation.

Issues to be addressed:

• Reasons for delays (25 activities associated with tranches of HPMPs for 15 countries due for submission to the 93rd meeting were not submitted)

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note:
 - (i) The report on tranche submission delays contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/24;
 - (ii) The information on tranche submission delays under HCFC phase-out management plans (HPMPs) submitted by the Governments of France and Germany and UNDP, UNEP and UNIDO;
 - (iii) That 31 out of 56 activities (16 out of 31 countries) related to tranches of HPMPs due for submission at the 93rd meeting had been submitted on time;
 - (iv) That relevant bilateral and implementing agencies had indicated that the late submission of the tranches of HPMPs due for submission at the second meeting of 2023 would have no impact on countries' compliance with the Montreal Protocol, and that there was 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 the relevant Governments regarding the decisions on tranche submission delays contained in annex I to the present report.

(c) Consolidated business plan of the Multilateral Fund for 2024-2026

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/25</u> presents the consolidated business plans of the Multilateral Fund for 2024-2026. It presents the resource allocation plan for the next three years. The plan is expected to result in continued implementation of HCFC phase-out activities including energy efficiency related components pursuant to decision 89/6, implementation of HFC phase-down activities, continued implementation of HFC-23 emission control activities, pilot projects for energy efficiency pursuant to decision 91/65, project preparation for national inventories of banks

of waste-controlled substances pursuant to decision 91/66 and continued implementation of other standard activities for the management of Montreal Protocol projects.

Issues to be addressed:

- Whether to adjust the 2024-2026 business plan by adding to the 2024 business plan projects and activities that had been deferred at the 93rd meeting; and by taking into account the values approved in principle for new HPMPs and KIPs at the 93rd meeting;
- Whether to reinstate the global HCFC technical assistance projects for "Increasing gender equality and economic empowerment of women in the refrigeration and air-conditioning sectors" and "Increasing gender equality and economic empowerment of women in the refrigeration and air-conditioning sectors".

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the consolidated business plan of the Multilateral Fund for 2024–2026 contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/25;
- (b) To decide whether:
 - (i) To adjust the business plan as proposed by the Secretariat in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/25;
 - (ii) To further adjust the business plan:
 - a. By adding to the 2024 business plan projects and activities that had been deferred at the 93rd meeting;
 - b. By taking into account the values approved in principle for new HCFC phase-out management plans and Kigali HFC implementation plans at the 93rd meeting;
- (c) To consider whether to reinstate the global HCFC technical assistance project for "Increasing gender equality and economic empowerment of women in the refrigeration and air-conditioning sectors" for UNDP;
- (d) To consider whether to reinstate the global HCFC technical assistance project for "Increasing gender equality and economic empowerment of women in the refrigeration and air-conditioning sectors" for UNIDO; and
- (e) To endorse the consolidated business plan of the Multilateral Fund for 2024–2026, as adjusted by the Secretariat [and the Executive Committee] taking into consideration relevant decisions taken at the 93rd meeting, while noting that endorsement did not denote approval of the projects identified therein or their funding or tonnage levels.

(d) Business plans of the bilateral and implementing agencies for 2024-2026

(i) Bilateral agencies

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/26</u> presents the business plans for the years 2024-2026 submitted to the 93rd meeting by the Government of Germany. The document also includes a table with the allocation of resources for Australia and France based on activities associated with HCFC phase-out management plans approved in principle.

Issues to be addressed:

• Germany might exceed 20 per cent of pledged contributions for the 2024-2026 triennium.

The Executive Committee may wish to note:

- (a) The business plans of the bilateral agencies for 2024–2026 submitted by the Government of Germany, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/26; and
- (b) That the level of activities in the business plans of Germany for 2024–2026 should be considered in light of the bilateral activity allocation for the 2024–2026 triennium.
 - (ii) UNDP

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/27</u> presents the UNDP business plan for 2024-2026 and includes: the planned activities for the phase-out of controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol during the 2024-2026 period, the business plan performance indicators, and policy issues.

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the UNDP business plan for 2024–2026, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/27; and
- (b) To approve the performance indicators for UNDP as set out in table 4 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/27.
 - (iii) UNEP

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/28</u> presents the UNEP business plan for 2024-2026 and includes: the planned activities for the phase-out of controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol during the 2024-2026 period, and the business plan performance indicators.

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the UNEP business plan for 2024–2026, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/28; and
- (b) To approve the performance indicators for UNEP as set out in tables 4 and 5 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/28.
 - (iv) UNIDO

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/29</u> presents the UNIDO business plan for 2024-2026 and includes: the planned activities for the phase-out of controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol during the 2024-2026 period, and the business plan performance indicators.

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the UNIDO business plan for 2024–2026, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/29; and
- (b) To approve the performance indicators for UNIDO as set out in table 4 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/29.

(v) World Bank

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/30</u> presents the World Bank business plan for 2024–2026 and includes: the planned activities for the phase-out of controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol during the 2024–2026 period, and the business plan performance indicators.

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the World Bank business plan for 2024–2026, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/30; and
- (b) To approve the performance indicators for the World Bank as set out in table 4 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/30.

9. **Project proposals:**

(a) Overview of issues identified during project review

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/31</u> contains four sections: An overview of projects and activities submitted by bilateral and implementing agencies; an overview of projects and activities following the project review process; issues identified during the project review process; and reports on the implementation of decisions and follow-up on previous discussions relating to project review.

Issues to be addressed:

• Consideration of HFCs contained in imported pre-blended polyols in the PU foam sector in stage I KIPs

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to request the Secretariat to prepare a brief note on the issue based on past practice on the matter of HFCs contained in imported pre-blended polyols in the PU foam sector in Article 5 countries.

(b) Bilateral cooperation

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/32</u> provides an overview of the requests from two bilateral agencies and considers whether these are eligible in light of the maximum level of bilateral cooperation available for 2023 or the triennium 2021-2023.

Issues to be addressed: Germany exceeding its maximum level of bilateral cooperation of 20 per cent.

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to request the Treasurer to offset the costs of the bilateral projects approved at the 93rd meeting as follows:

- (a) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Germany for 2021-2023; and
- (b) US \$XX (including agency support costs) against the balance of the bilateral contribution of the Government of Japan for 2021-2023.

(c) **Projects recommended for blanket approval**

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/33</u> contains summary information on the projects recommended for blanket approval, a recommendation by the Secretariat for the consideration of the Executive Committee, and an annex with the list of projects recommended for blanket approval.

Issues to be addressed: None

<u>The Secretariat recommends that the Executive Committee:</u> approve the projects and activities submitted for blanket approval at the levels of funding indicated in the annex to document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/33. The approval of these projects would include implementation programmes associated with the relevant tranches of multi year projects; updated Agreements where applicable; relevant conditions or provisions included in the corresponding project evaluation documents; and observations to be communicated to recipient Governments for the renewal of institutional strengthening projects.

(d) **Projects recommended for individual consideration**

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/34</u> contains the list of projects and activities submitted for individual consideration.

<u>Issues to be addressed</u>: Each project should be considered for approval individually. The project description, and the comments and recommendations of the Secretariat can be found in the relevant project document referred to in the table below.

Country/	Project title	Implementing	Document	Issue
Region		agencies	#	
Global	Preparation of a pilot project to demonstrate the use of digital monitoring and management tools to enhance energy efficiency and reduce emission of greenhouse gases in the space cooling and cold chain sectors in Colombia, Lebanon, Panama, Sri Lanka, and Trinidad and Tobago	UNDP	93/35	Guidance sought from the Executive Committee as the proposal represents a new prospective approach for considering energy efficiency in the context of the Montreal Protocol
India	Preparation of a demonstration project for the manufacture of compressors in the mobile air-conditioning manufacturing sector	UNDP	93/35	Guidance sought from the Executive Committee on demonstration projects submitted as part of KIPs other than end-user projects submitted in line with decision 92/36
Thailand	Preparation of a KIP (stage I)	World Bank	93/38	The country has not ratified the Kigali Amendment

Non-investment activities – preparatory projects

Country/ Region	Project title	Implementing agencies	Document #	Issue
Viet Nam	Preparation of a pilot project to maintain and/or enhance energy efficiency in the air-conditioning (AC) sector	World Bank	93/38	Guidance sought from the Executive Committee as the project is not submitted in the context of HFC phase-down

Multi-year agreements

Country	Stage and tranche #	Implementing agencies	Document #	Para. #	Issue
Reques	ts for new s	stages II and III of the HO	CFC phase-ou	ıt managen	nent plans (HPMPs)
Guinea	Stage II	UNEP/UNIDO	93/58		All technical and cost issues resolved
Lebanon	Stage III	UNDP	93/64		All technical and cost issues resolved
Mozambique	Stage II	UNEP/UNDP	93/73		All technical and cost issues resolved
Philippines (the)	Stage III	UNIDO	93/82		All technical and cost issues resolved
Suriname	Stage II	UNEP/UNIDO	93/88		All technical and cost issues resolved
Viet Nam	Stage III	World Bank	93/93	1-40	All technical and cost issues resolved
		Tranche requests unde	r stage II of tl	he HPMPs	
China – XPS*	Sixth tranche	UNIDO/ Germany	93/47	27-45	All technical and cost issues resolved
China – PU*	Fourth tranche	World Bank	93/47	46-70	All technical and cost issues resolved
China – ICR*	Fifth tranche	UNDP	93/47	71-91	All technical and cost issues resolved
China – Solvent	Sixth tranche	UNDP	93/47	92-113	All technical and cost issues resolved
China – Servicing*	Sixth tranche	UNEP/ Germany/Japan	93/47	114-134	All technical and cost issues resolved

*XPS = extruded polystyrene foam sector; PU = polyurethane foam sector; ICR = industrial and commercial refrigeration and air-conditioning sector; Servicing = refrigeration and air-conditioning sector and the national enabling programme

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Country	Implementing agencies	Doc. #	Para. #	Issue		
KIPs that may not require a presentation by the Secretariat						
Albania	UNIDO/UNEP	93/39	18-65	All technical and cost issues resolved		
Bolivia	UNIDO/UNEP	93/43	29-87	All technical and cost issues resolved		
(Plurinational						
State of)						
Cambodia	UNEP/UNDP	93/45		All technical and cost issues resolved		
Congo (the)	UNIDO/UNEP	93/49		All technical and cost issues resolved		
Grenada	UNEP/UNDP	93/56	19-63	All technical and cost issues resolved		
Kyrgyzstan	UNDP/UNEP	93/63	1-48	All technical and cost issues resolved		
Malawi	UNEP/UNIDO	93/67		All technical and cost issues resolved		

Country	Implementing agencies	Doc. #	Para. #	Issue		
Nicaragua	UNIDO	93/75	1-61	All technical and cost issues resolved		
Niger (the)	UNIDO/UNEP	93/76		All technical and cost issues resolved		
North Macedonia	UNIDO	93/78	18-79	All technical and cost issues resolved		
Trinidad and Tobago	UNDP	93/89	20-80	All technical and cost issues resolved		
Turkmenistan	UNIDO	93/91	1-52	All tech	nnical and cost issues resolved	
	quire a pr	esentation	h by the S	Secretariat		
Chile	UNDP/UNEP	93/46			g requested for more than 10 per cent on from the baseline	
Cuba	UNDP	93/50			on of investment projects in the e of cost guidelines	
Dominican Republic	UNDP/UNEP/ UNIDO	93/51		Cost ca	lculation for the servicing sector	
Ecuador	UNIDO	93/52	33-98	Cost ca	lculation for the servicing sector	
Ghana	UNDP/UNEP	93/55		Low sh baselin	are of HFC consumption in the e	
Jordan	UNIDO	93/62			on of investment projects in the e of cost guidelines	
Malaysia	World Bank	93/68			on of investment projects in the e of cost guidelines	
Mexico	UNIDO/UNDP/ UNEP	93/70	1-117	Inclusion of investment projects in the absence of cost guidelines; cost calculation for the servicing sector		
Panama	UNDP	93/80		Cost calculation for the servicing sector		
Peru	UNDP	93/81		Cost calculation for the servicing sector		
Viet Nam	World Bank/UNEP	93/93	41-110			
HF	C investment projects in	n India (te	o be includ		age I of the KIP) (UNDP)	
	Project title		Doc. #	Para. #	Issue	
Conversion from R-407C and R-410A to HFC-32 in the manufacturing of light commercial packaged and ducted AC units at Voltas, Ltd.		93/60	1-25	All technical and cost issues resolved		
Demonstration/conversion from R-404A and R-407C to CO ₂ trans-critical heat pump technology in the food processing and cold storage refrigeration equipment manufacturing at Mech Air Industries		93/60	26-46 Limited impact and sustainabil conversion			
Conversion of the manufacturing of commercial refrigeration appliances at Rockwell Industries, Ltd. from HFC-134a to propane		93/60	47-71	All technical and cost issues resolved - The Secretariat will present this investment project together with the request for technical assistance to enhance the energy efficiency of converted equipment 93/60, para. 72-84 and included in the table below		

Country	Project title	IA	Doc. #	Para. #
	Non-investment projects			
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Pilot project to maintain and/or enhance the energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the context of HFC phase-down through provision of equipment and training to 30 trainers on the use of	UNIDO	93/43	88-102
	CO ₂ -based technology in medium- and low-temperature applications; and a demonstration project for detecting and preventing leakages in HFC-based commercial refrigeration systems and reinforcing good practices in equipment installation, commissioning, operation, and			
Ecuador	maintenance in the commercial refrigeration sectorPilot project to maintain and/or enhance the energyefficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in	UNIDO	93/52	99-114
	the context of HFC phase-down through promoting the coordination between the NOU and energy-efficiency and climate authorities; support to the servicing sector; and support for the introduction or improvement of MEPS and labelling systems, with emphasis on the commercial and industrial RAC systems			
Egypt	Pilot project to maintain and/or enhance the energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the context of HFC phase-down through upgrading and strengthening three testing laboratories and implementing MEPS and equipment labelling	UNIDO	93/53	
Kyrgyzstan	Pilot project to maintain and/or enhance the energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the context of HFC phase-down through the development of MEPS and labelling for RAC equipment up to 3 kW	UNEP	93/63	49-66
Mexico	Energy-efficiency strategy for the Kigali HFC implementation plan: Institutional coordination with energy-efficiency authorities, strengthening of MEPS for equipment using alternatives to HFCs, and support provided to the servicing and local assembly sectors	UNIDO	93/70	118-138
Nicaragua	Pilot project to maintain and/or enhance the energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the context of HFC phase-down through provision of equipment and training to 45 trainers on the use of CO ₂ -based technology in medium- and low temperature applications; and a demonstration project for detecting and preventing leakages in HFC-based commercial refrigeration systems and reinforcing good practices in equipment installation, commissioning, operation, and maintenance in the commercial refrigeration sector	UNIDO	93/75	62-79
Nigeria	Pilot project to maintain and/or enhance the energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the context of HFC phase-down through establishing labelling standards for refrigeration appliances, survey of the market, review and updates to MEPS, upgrading a laboratory testing facility and training staff in verification testing, developing a green procurement policy, training for customs officers, and raising awareness	UNIDO	93/77	29-53
South Africa	Energy-efficiency strategy for the Kigali HFC implementation plan: Replacement of chillers in public	UNIDO	93/87	

Country	Project title	IA	Doc. #	Para. #
	buildings and collection of data to assist in the development of relevant MEPS			
Turkmenistan	Pilot project to maintain and/or enhance the energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the context of HFC phase-down through support for inter-institutional coordination; and the introduction of MEPS, labelling systems, and a National Plan for Energy Efficiency in the RACHP sector		93/91	53-72
	Investment projects			
China	Demonstration project of replacing HFC-134a with R-744 in the field of electric vehicles	UNIDO	93/47	135-176
India	Conversion of the manufacturing of commercial refrigeration appliances at Rockwell Industries, Ltd. from HFC-134a to propane: Technical assistance to enhance the energy efficiency of converted equipment	UNDP	93/60	72-84
India	Design and development of a pilot-scale energy-efficient rotary compressor and a microchannel heat exchanger compatible with R-290 technology at Godrej & Boyce Mfg., Ltd. in the manufacturing of room air conditioners	Germany	93/60	85-117

(e) UNEP Compliance Assistance Programme budget for 2024

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/94</u> contains UNEP's Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) budget for 2024, and consists of the 2023 CAP progress report, the 2024 work programme, and an explanation of changes in the CAP 2024 budget and staffing.

Issues to be addressed: None

- (a) To note the 2023 progress report, the proposed 3-year strategy for 2024-2026 and the 2024 work plan and budget for UNEP Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/94;
- (b) To approve the CAP activities and budget for 2024 in the amount of US \$10,431,200, plus agency support costs of 8 per cent amounting to US \$834,496, noting the adjustments proposed therein;
- (c) To request UNEP, in future submissions of the CAP budget, to continue:
 - (i) Providing detailed information on the activities for which the global funds would be used;
 - Extending the prioritization of funding between CAP budget lines to accommodate changing priorities, and to provide details, pursuant to decisions 47/24 and 50/26, on the reallocations made;
 - (iii) Reporting on the current post levels of staff and informing the Executive Committee of any changes thereto, particularly with respect to any increased budget allocations;
 - (iv) Providing a budget for the year in question, and a report on the costs incurred in the year prior to the last year, noting sub-paragraphs (c)(ii) and (c)(iii) above; and

(d) To further request UNEP to submit a final report detailing lessons learned from the implementation of the first phase of the global technical assistance project for twinning of national ozone officers and national energy efficiency policy makers to support Kigali Amendment objectives when submitting the second phase of the project at the second meeting in 2024.

(f) 2024 core unit costs for UNDP, UNIDO and the World Bank

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/95</u> presents the 2024 core unit costs requests and administrative costs from the implementing agencies (UNDP, UNIDO and the World Bank) in supporting Article 5 countries implement different activities in order to meet their ODS phase-out targets. It assesses the extent to which resources available for total administrative costs in 2024 could cover the agencies' expected costs during the year.

Issues to be addressed:

• Requests for approval of 2024 core unit costs for UNDP, UNIDO, and the World Bank

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note:
 - (i) The report on the 2024 core unit costs for UNDP, UNIDO and the World Bank as contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/95;
 - (ii) With appreciation, that the core unit operation of UNIDO and the World Bank were below their budgeted levels and that UNIDO and the World Bank would return unused balances of US \$382,680 and US \$280,124, respectively, to the Multilateral Fund at the 93rd meeting;
- (b) To consider whether to approve the requested 2024 core unit budgets for:
 - (i) UNDP in the amount of US \$2,157,835;
 - (ii) UNIDO in the amount of US \$2,064,760; and
 - (iii) The World Bank in the amount of US \$1,747,145; and
- (c) To note that the levels of the 2024 core unit budgets indicated in sub-paragraph (b) above could be adjusted based on the outcomes of the discussion on the Review of the administrative cost regime of the Multilateral Fund (decisions 88/74(c) and 91/67(b)), at the 93rd meeting.

10. Matters related to the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol

(a) Draft guidelines for funding the phase-down of HFCs in Article 5 countries, including consideration of operationalizing paragraph 24 of decision XXVIII/2 (paragraph 189 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/92/56)

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/96</u> presents progress made and outstanding issues in the development of cost guidelines for the phase-down of HFCs (Section I); information to assist the Executive Committee in defining "small-and medium-sized enterprises" in the commercial air-conditioning manufacturing and commercial refrigeration manufacturing sectors (Section II); and a recommendation (Section III).

Issues to be addressed:

• Consideration of remaining issues for discussion under the draft cost guidelines for the phase-down of HFCs in Article 5 countries including operationalizing paragraph 24 of decision XXVIII/2

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/96 on the draft guidelines for funding the phase-down of HFCs in Article 5 countries, including consideration of operationalizing paragraph 24 of decision XXVIII/2; and
- (b) To continue its deliberations on the guidelines for funding the phase-down of HFCs in Article 5 countries in light of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/96.

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/97</u> presents a paper on the starting point for sustained aggregate reductions based on the discussions that took place at the 91st and 92nd meetings in the contact group on the cost guidelines for the phase-down of HFCs (decision 91/64(a)).

Issues to be addressed:

• A methodology for establishing the starting point for sustained aggregate reductions in HFCs.

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the paper on the starting point for sustained aggregate reductions in HFC consumption (decision 91/64(a)) contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/97; and
- (b) To consider the information contained in the document referred to in subparagraph (a) above in the context of its discussions on the starting point for sustained aggregate reductions in HFC consumption.
- (b) Operational framework to further elaborate on institutional aspects and projects and activities that could be undertaken by the Multilateral Fund for maintaining and/or enhancing the energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the manufacturing and servicing sectors when phasing down HFCs: A report on decision 92/38(a)

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/98</u> presents information requested by decision 92/38 containing (i) any additional activities to maintain and/or enhance energy efficiency while phasing down HFCs beyond those listed in paragraph (b)(i) of decision 91/65; (ii) information on additional costs and savings while implementing those activities taking into account the payback associated with the use of energy-efficient equipment and other benefits to the consumer; (iii) options for funding modalities in the Multilateral Fund (MLF) as well as possible implications of their operation; (iv) updated information on the role of other institutions addressing energy efficiency, where appropriate; and (v) a proposed methodology for monitoring and reporting on the progress of projects to maintain and/or enhance the energy efficiency of replacement equipment in the HFC phase-down, taking note of relevant methodologies, where appropriate (decision 92/38). The document contains three chapters, including the operational framework with MLF grant funding; the operational framework with blended finance from MLF and non-MLF resources; and a summary and recommendation.

Issues to be addressed:

• Consideration of a path forward for the operational framework for maintaining and/or enhancing energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the manufacturing and servicing sectors when phasing down HFCs.

The Executive Committee may wish:

- (a) To note the information provided in the report on operational framework to further elaborate on institutional aspects and projects and activities that could be undertaken by the Multilateral Fund for maintaining and/or enhancing the energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the manufacturing and servicing sectors when phasing down HFCs (decision 92/38(a)), contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/98; and
- (b) To take into account the information provided in the report referred to in subparagraph (a) above, when considering a path forward for the operational framework for maintaining and/or enhancing energy efficiency of replacement technologies and equipment in the manufacturing and servicing sectors when phasing down HFCs.
- (c) Paper containing information on the types of activities that Article 5 countries could undertake, on the nature of the assistance required and on supply chain issues that needed to be resolved to address consumption in the local installation and assembly subsector in their Kigali HFC implementation plans (decision 92/39(c))

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/99</u> presents information on the types of activities that Article 5 countries could undertake, on the nature of the assistance required and on supply-chain issues that needed to be resolved to address consumption in the local installation and assembly subsector in their KIPs.

Issues to be addressed: None

- (a) To note document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/99 on the types of activities that Article 5 countries could undertake, on the nature of the assistance required and on supply-chain issues that needed to be resolved to address consumption in the local installation and assembly subsector in their Kigali HFC implementation plans (KIPs);
- (b) To take into consideration the information provided in the document referred to in subparagraph (a) above when discussing issues related to the local installation and assembly subsector and in deciding further steps on the matter;
- (c) To invite Article 5 countries, through the bilateral and implementing agencies or their KIPs, to continue providing to the Secretariat, on a voluntary basis, information on the local installation and assembly subsector; and
- (d) To request the Secretariat to provide an update to the document referred to in subparagraph (a) above, taking into account additional information provided by Article 5 countries on the local installation and assembly subsector to the [94th/95th meeting].

(d) Draft template for an Agreement for stage I of Kigali HFC implementation plans (paragraph 219 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/92/56)

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/100</u> contains the adjustments and updates made to the HPMP Agreement template as a result of the additional considerations for HFC phase-down and the Kigali Amendment in order to prepare the draft template for an Agreement for stage I of Kigali HFC implementation plans (KIPs), which is included as an annex to the document.

Issue to be addressed:

• Consideration of the adjustments and updates made to the HPMP Agreement to prepare the draft template for an Agreement for stage I of KIPs

<u>The Executive Committee may wish</u> to consider approving the draft template for an Agreement for stage I of Kigali HFC implementation plans, contained in the annex to document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/100.

11. Review of the administrative cost regime of the Multilateral Fund (decisions 88/74(c) and 91/67(b))

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/101</u> presents an analysis of the administrative cost regime and core unit funding, taking into consideration relevant decisions by the Executive Committee, including those taken up to the meeting prior to the last meeting of 2023, on the basis of which the Committee would decide whether the administrative cost regime of the Multilateral Fund for the triennium 2021–2023 should be maintained for the triennium 2024–2026.

Issues to be addressed:

- Consideration of changes to the core unit funding for implementing agencies and the administrative cost regime for the Multilateral Fund
- Consideration of one-time funding for each bilateral and implementing agency, as lead or cooperating agency, for technical and policy assistance to each LVC country in the implementation of KIPs

- (a) To note the review of the administrative cost regime of the Multilateral Fund (decisions 88/74(c) and 91/67(b)), as contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/101;
- (b) To consider:
 - (i) Increasing the core unit funding for UNDP, UNIDO and the World Bank, each by US \$200,000, for each year of the triennium 2024–2026, for strengthening their capacity to provide technical and policy support to Article 5 countries;
 - (ii) That the administrative cost regime for the Multilateral Fund for the triennium 2021–2023 would be maintained for the triennium 2024–2026, except for agency fees for stage I of Kigali HFC implementation plans (KIPs) for low-volume-consuming (LVC) countries, which will be applied starting 93rd meeting as follows:
 - a. At 13 per cent on projects up to a value of US \$500,000;

- b. At 13 per cent on the first US \$500,000 and 11 per cent on the balance on projects with a value exceeding US \$500,000;
- (iii) Outside the administrative cost regime for the Multilateral Fund for the triennium 2024–2026, providing one-time funding in the amount of US \$7,500 to each bilateral and implementing agency, as lead or cooperating agency, for its technical and policy assistance to each LVC country in the implementation of KIPs, on the understanding that:
 - a. The requests for funding should follow established practice including business planning and be included in the bilateral cooperation, work programmes or work programme amendments of the agencies and activities resulting from this funding shall be completed no later than 24 months from the date of approval;
 - b. Bilateral and implementing agencies will report on the technical and policy assistance activities provided to all countries and their impact as part of the narrative of their annual progress and financial reports; and
- (c) To review the administrative cost regime and its core unit funding budget at the last meeting of 2026, i.e., the last meeting of the 2024–2026 triennium, including the review of the implementation of subparagraph (b).

12. Overview of current monitoring, reporting, verification and enforceable licensing and quota systems developed with support from the Multilateral Fund (decision 91/68)

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/102</u> was prepared in response to decision 91/68 and includes a note by the Secretariat, taking into account the discussions at its 89th and 91st meetings and the relevant discussions at the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, 45th meeting of the OEWG, including the workshop on further strengthening the effective implementation and enforcement of the Montreal Protocol to be held in line with decision XXXIV/8, and the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties.

Issues to be addressed: None

The Executive Committee may wish to consider the matter.

13. Results framework and a scorecard that fit the operations of the Multilateral Fund (decision 92/41(b))

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/103</u> presents a revised results framework and a scorecard based on the revised results framework for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Issues to be addressed:

• A results framework and scorecard proposed pursuant to decision 92/41(b) as contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/103.

- (a) To note the results framework and scorecard that fit the operations of the Multilateral Fund (decision 92/41(b)), contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/103;
- (b) To approve the results framework and scorecard presented in the document referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above; and

(c) To request the Secretariat to start the implementation of the first results framework from 2024, and to communicate progress in the implementation of this results framework through a scorecard at the second meeting of 2027.

14. Report of the Sub-group on the Production Sector

<u>Document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/93/104</u>, to be issued during the 93rd meeting, will provide a report of the meeting of the Sub-group on the Production Sector that will take place on the margins of the meeting.

15. Other matters

Substantive issues agreed for inclusion in agenda item 2(a) will be taken up under this agenda item.

16. Adoption of the report

The Executive Committee will have in front of it the draft report of the 93rd meeting for its consideration and adoption.

17. Closure of the meeting

The meeting is expected to be closed on Tuesday, 19 December 2023.