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**UPDATE OF COUNTRY PROGRAMME: CONGO, DR
(FOLLOW-UP ON DECISION 27/81)**

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FUND SECRETARIAT**COMMENTS**

1. The Government of Congo, DR submitted its country programme, including a request for establishment of an Ozone Unit (institutional strengthening) for consideration by the Executive Committee at its 27th Meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/27/43). The Committee, noting that, due to the situation in the country, it had been impossible to gather 1995-1997 baseline data to determine the baseline for compliance with the Montreal Protocol and that CFC consumption in the country was high, decided to approve the country programme provisionally, on the understanding that the baseline data on ODS consumption would be presented and the matter reviewed within one year by the Executive Committee (decision 27/81). Also, the Committee decided to approve the institutional-strengthening project initially for one year, at a level of US \$32,270 in order to obtain data inputs needed for the completion of the country programme and preparation of a refrigerant management plan (decision 27/39).
2. The Government of Congo, DR has submitted a revised country programme with ODS consumption data required for establishing the baseline for compliance with the Montreal Protocol.
3. In 1999, the total consumption of ODS in the country was estimated at 410.7 ODP tonnes, with the following distribution: 367.9 ODP tonnes of CFCs, used in the manufacturing of foam products (40 tonnes) and for the servicing of refrigeration equipment; 57.3 ODP tonnes of halons (halon-1211, halon-1301 and halon-2402); 7.3 ODP tonnes of carbon tetrachloride; 1.3 ODP tonnes of methyl chloroform; and 1.2 ODP tonnes of MB.
4. The baseline consumption for compliance with the Montreal Protocol has been established as follows: 1,280.6 ODP tonnes for CFCs, 376.8 ODP tonnes for halons and 2.0 ODP tonnes for MB.
5. The country programme includes a request for approval of the institutional strengthening project for two years (since funding for one year has already been approved). The Fund Secretariat's comments and recommendations on this request are presented under UNEP's work programme amendments (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/32/25).
6. The country programme also includes a refrigerant management plan (RMP) project proposal. The Fund Secretariat's comments and recommendations on this request are presented under UNEP's work programme amendments (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/32/25).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Fund Secretariat recommends as follows:

1. To approve the Congo, DR Country Programme. Approval of the Country Programme does not denote approval of the projects identified therein or their funding levels.
2. To request the Government of Congo, DR to present annually information to the Executive Committee on progress being made in the implementation of the country programme, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee on implementation of country programmes (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/10/40, para 135). Using the approved format, the initial report, covering the period 1 December 2000 to 31 December 2001, should be submitted to the Fund Secretariat no later than 1 May 2002.