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Addendum

COUNTRY PROGRAMME: ALBANIA

This addendum is being issued to add:

- Transmittal Letter from the Government of Albania



REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
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Tirana, 14/03/03

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Dear Doctor El-Arini,

I have the honor to submit herewith the National ODS Phase Out Plan for Albania for the consideration and approval of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol.

Albania adhered to the Protocol on the October 8th, 1999 and became a Party on January 7th, 2000. It is classified as operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol.

I would like to place on record the appreciation of the Government of Albania of the assistance extended to it through the UNEP DTIE Ozone Action Programme and UNIDO for the preparation of the Country Programme which started during 2001. I am pleased to say that the Government is committed to the implementation of the actions contained in this National Strategy.

I further assert that it is the Government's intention to monitor compliance with the Protocol. If necessary, further and different actions from those specified in the National Strategy will be updated and submitted to the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund.

We hope that the Executive Committee will approve the request for assistance made in respect of the following actions:

- a) Institutional Strengthening;

- b) Development of regulatory framework;
- c) Training of Custom officers and environmental inspectors;
- d) Training of technicians in good practices;
- e) Recovery and recycling program;
- f) End users, retrofitting program;
- g) Workshop on methyl bromide;
- h) Solvent project;
- i) Programme management and auditing.

Our National ODS Phase Out Plan is based on a full survey of CFC consumption in all sub-sectors, and presents the government phase-out strategy developed based on this information. It also includes the commitment by the Government of Albania to set up the required regulatory framework for the effective implementation of activities to phase out the use of CFC refrigerants.

National ODS Phase Out Plan will ensure the achievement, without further requests for funding, at least the 50% reduction step in 2005 and the 85% reduction step in 2007. Imports will be restricted, if necessary to achieve compliance with the reduction steps and to support National ODS Phase Out Plan activities.

The National ODS Phase Out Plan contains the current and forecast future consumption in relation to the freeze, 50% cut in 2005, 85% cut in 2007 and phase-out in 2010 and calculates the size of consumption cuts in the refrigeration sector required to meet these targets.

The current and expected future consumption of all sub-sectors, including the informal sector, small and medium-sized enterprises and mobile air conditioners are included.

For each activity identified, is included the cost and means of funding, including national financing.

It includes adequate provision for monitoring and reporting on progress, a commitment to annual reporting of progress in implementing the National ODS Phase Out Plan and meeting the reduction steps.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Besnik BASHO
Deputy Minister

