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PROJECT PROPOSAL: SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

This document consists of the comments and recommendation of the Fund Secretariat on the following project proposal:

Phase-out

- Terminal phase-out management plan for CFCs (second and third tranches) UNDP and UNEP

PROJECT EVALUATION SHEET – MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

(I) PROJECT TITLE	AGENCY
ODS phase out plan	UNDP, UNEP

(II) LATEST ARTICLE 7 DATA (ODP Tonnes)					Year: 2007
CFC: 0.2	CTC: 0	Halons: 0	MB: 0	TCA: 0	

(III) LATEST COUNTRY PROGRAMME SECTORAL DATA (ODP Tonnes)											Year: 2007		
Substances	Aerosol	Foam	Halon	Refrigeration		Solvent	Process Agent	MDI	Lab Use	Methyl Bromide		Tobacco filling	Total Sector Consumption
				Manufacturing	Service					QPS	Non QPS		
CFC					0.2								0.2
CTC													0
Halons													0
Methyl Bromide													0
TCA													0

(IV) PROJECT DATA			2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Montreal Protocol Consumption Limits		CFC	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.	
		CTC	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	
		TCA	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	
Maximum Allowable Consumption (ODP Tonnes)		CFC	1.4	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.	
		CTC	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	
		TCA	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	
Project Costs (US\$)	UNDP	Project Costs	101,000.		21,000.	6,000.			128,000.
		Support Costs	9,090.		1,890.	540.			11,520.
	UNEP	Project Costs	67,000.		14,000.	14,000.	14,000.		109,000.
		Support Costs	8,710.		1,820.	1,820.	1,820.		14,170.
Total Funds Approved in Principle (US\$)		Project Costs	168,000.		35,000.	20,000.	14,000.		237,000.
		Support Costs	17,800.		3,710.	2,360.	1,820.		25,690.
Total Funds Released by the ExCom (US\$)		Project Costs	168,000.		0.	0.	0.		168,000.
		Support Costs	17,800.		0.	0.	0.		17,800.
Total Funds Requested for Current Year (US\$)		Project Costs			35,000.	20,000.			55,000.
		Support Costs			3,710.	2,360.			6,070.

(V) SECRETARIAT'S RECOMMENDATION:	For blanket approval
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. On behalf of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, UNEP, as the lead implementing agency, has submitted a progress report on the implementation of the first work programme of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines terminal phase-out management plan (TPMP) to the 56th Meeting of the Executive Committee. UNEP has also submitted a request for funding for the second and third tranches of the TPMP at a total cost of US \$28,000 plus agency support costs of US \$3,640 for UNEP and US \$27,000 plus agency support costs of US \$2,430 for UNDP.

Background

2. The TPMP for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was approved by the Executive Committee at its 47th Meeting to completely phase out CFC consumption in the country by 2009. Total funding of US \$237,000 plus agency support costs of US \$25,690 was approved in principle by the Executive Committee. At the same meeting, the Executive Committee approved US \$168,000, plus agency support costs of US \$8,710 for UNEP and US \$9,090 for UNDP, for the implementation of the first tranche of the TPMP.

Progress report on the implementation of the first tranche of the TPMP

3. Further to the approval of the TPMP by the Executive Committee, the following activities have been implemented: ODS regulations have been passed into law and are being enforced (HCFCs are included in the list of controlled substances); customs officers have been trained; and two customs officials and the Ozone Officer participated in the regional workshop on the prevention and control of illegal trade in ODS. The Customs Department, in consultation with the Ozone Officer, has included a two-hour module on the Montreal Protocol Trade Controls in their ongoing internal training programme. Basic service tools and equipment have been procured and will be delivered to technicians by September 2008. Further training programmes for refrigeration technicians will be conducted once the tools and equipment have been distributed (October 2008). Local consultants have been hired to assist in the implementation of the activities proposed in the TPMP.

4. As of September 2008, of the US \$168,000 approved for the first tranche, US \$128,219 has been disbursed or committed, with a balance of US \$39,781.

Plan of action for the second tranche of the TPMP

5. The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines commits to implementing the following activities under the second and third work programmes of the TPMP: provision of additional servicing tools and equipment; additional training for refrigeration service technicians in good practices, retrofitting and refrigerant recovery and recycling. Additional training for customs officers will also take place as well as an upgrade of the laboratory facilities to analyze mixed refrigerants; the establishment of an illegal-trade prevention network; and monitoring and evaluation.

SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

6. At their 14th and 15th Meetings, the Parties noted that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was in non-compliance with its obligations under Article 2A of the Montreal Protocol and requested the country to submit a plan of action with time-specific benchmarks to ensure a prompt return to compliance (decisions XIV/24 and XV/42). At their 16th Meeting, the Parties noted the submission by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines of its plan of action, through which the country committed to, *inter alia*, reduce its

CFC consumption by set amounts through to complete phase-out by 1 January 2010 (decision XVI/30). Since the adoption of decision XVI/30, the CFC consumption levels reported by the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines under Article 7 of the Protocol have been below the maximum allowable levels under that decision, and the level reported in 2007 is 0.1 ODP tonnes below the 0.3 ODP tonnes of consumption allowed for that year.

7. Upon a request for clarification as to whether HCFCs are included in the current regulations/licensing system in the country, UNEP indicated that the ODS regulations include all the controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol. However, HCFCs are not yet included under the quota system. Currently, any importer requiring HCFCs has to obtain permission from the Ozone Unit.

8. The progress report proposes to refrain from conducting activities related to the retrofit incentive programme, for which US \$53,000.00 was approved. The funding will be reprogrammed in the next cycle, with the focus shifting from an incentive scheme to developing the technical capacity of service technicians to perform effective retrofits using drop-in replacement refrigerants. On this issue, UNEP explained that since the establishment of the licensing and quota system which made it more difficult to import CFCs, retrofits of CFC-based equipment with HFC-based refrigerants is currently being carried out in the country on a voluntary basis. Therefore, it is proposed that retrofit kits be distributed to trained technicians who would retrofit refrigeration systems. In the subsequent tranches of the TPMP, the Ozone Officer will continue to support this approach and ensure that retrofitting processes are of an acceptable standard, with proper labelling.

9. Issues related to the delay experienced during the implementation of the first tranche of the TPM have also been addressed by the implementing agencies (i.e., for subsequent funding tranches, the agencies will be providing direct and very close follow-up of the implementation of each activity and will have more control of the disbursement of funds, as discussed).

RECOMMENDATION

10. Noting that the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has been in compliance with the provisos of decision XVI/30, and that issues related to implementation delays have been addressed, the Fund Secretariat recommends blanket approval of the second and third tranches of the TPMP with associated support costs at the funding level shown in the table below.

	Project Title	Project Funding (US \$)	Support Cost (US \$)	Implementing Agency
(a)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second and third tranches)	28,000	3,640	UNEP
(b)	Terminal phase-out management plan (second and third tranches)	27,000	2,430	UNDP
