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PROJECT PROPOSAL: MALDIVES

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

Phase-out

- Terminal phase-out management plan (second tranche)

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PROJECT EVALUATION SHEET – MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS
Maldives

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

(II) LATEST ARTICLE 7 DATA (ODP Tonnes)				Year: 2007	
CFC: 0	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 fluffing	Total Sector Consumption
				Manufacturing	Servicing					QPS	Non QPS		
CFC													0.
CTC													0.
Halons													0.
Methyl Bromide													0.
Others													0.
TCA													0.

(IV) PROJECT DATA			2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Montreal Protocol Consumption Limits		CFC	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.	
Maximum Allowable Consumption (ODP Tonnes)		CFC	0.7	0.	0.	0.	
Project Costs (US\$)	UNDP	Project Costs	85,000.				85,000.
		Support Costs	7,650.				7,650.
	UNEP	Project Costs	80,000.		15,000.		95,000.
		Support Costs	10,400.		1,950.		12,350.
Total Funds Approved in Principle (US\$)		Project Costs	165,000.		15,000.		180,000.
		Support Costs	18,050.		1,950.		20,000.
Total Funds Released by the ExCom (US\$)		Project Costs	165,000.		0.		165,000.
		Support Costs	18,050.		0.		18,050.
Total Funds Requested for Current Year (US\$)		Project Costs			15,000.		15,000.
		Support Costs			1,950.		1,950.

(V) SECRETARIAT'S RECOMMENDATION:	Blanket Approval
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. On behalf of the Government of Maldives UNEP, as the lead implementing agency, has submitted to the 58th Meeting of the Executive Committee a progress report on the implementation of the first work programme of the terminal phase-out management plan for CFCs (TPMP). UNEP has also submitted a request for funding for the remaining tranche consisting of the second work programme at a total cost of US \$15,000 plus agency support costs of US \$1,950 for UNEP only. No more funds are remaining for components by UNDP.

Background

2. The TPMP for Maldives was approved in principle by the Executive Committee at its 53rd Meeting at the amount of US \$180,000 plus agency support costs of US \$12,350 for UNEP and US \$7,650 for UNDP, to completely phase-out CFC consumption in the country by 2009. At the same meeting, the Executive Committee approved US \$80,000 plus agency support costs of US \$10,400 for UNEP and US \$85,000 plus agency support cost of US \$7,650 for UNDP for the implementation of the first work programme.

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

3. With strict enforcement and cooperation of all stakeholders, the Maldives met its commitment to stop CFC imports by 1 January 2008. In their country programme report, the country has reported zero CFC imports in 2008, which is one of the important achievements under the TPMP.

4. The main activities implemented since the approval of the TPMP until the end of the first quarter of 2009 included the completion of a train-the-trainers workshop for refrigeration technicians, the identification of resorts that continue to use CFC equipment as training targets for good practices, as well as the identification of the possible beneficiaries of the incentive programme for retrofitting. The project also held training workshops with enforcement officials in the country and provided five refrigerant identifiers to the Maldives Customs service for their use in monitoring ODS imports.

5. With regard to the incentive programme, the report indicates that there have been some delays in its implementation due to the late signing of the official project document between the country and UNDP, which is responsible for the project. The report does mention that the official project document between Maldives and UNDP has now been signed, signifying some progress in the country with the implementation of activities under this component.

6. The report also provides extensive information on government actions initiated during this period to support the TPMP, which included several stakeholder meetings for the period in order to fine-tune the current ODS regulations, review the phase out of CFC MDIs and other ODS, and continued awareness raising activities.

7. At the end of 2008, the project had a remaining balance of US \$126,370, out of the US \$180,000 approved which will be carried over into 2009 to implement the remaining activities from the first tranche.

Plan of action for the second tranche of the TPMP

8. The Government of Maldives commits to implementing a number of activities under the second work programme of the TPMP. These include the completion of the training for refrigeration technicians, and the full implementation of the end-user retrofit and incentive programme. The country will also

continue to implement public awareness and information dissemination to stakeholders. Monitoring and management of these activities are also covered in the second tranche of the TPMP.

SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS

9. The Maldives has stopped CFC imports from the beginning of January 2008. In 2007, it had reported a zero consumption of CFCs, thereby bringing the country into compliance with the Montreal Protocol's targets. The Maldives also reported data under their 2008 country programme reporting requirement, which indicated that it had zero CFC import in 2008.

10. The request for the second tranche of the TPMP for the Maldives was first submitted to the 57th Meeting of the Executive Committee. Noting that at that time that there was little progress in the implementation of the activities of the TPMP, and that fund disbursement was very low, the Government of the Maldives agreed to withdraw the request. Since then, some progress has been made under the first tranche of the TPMP, including the training in good practices, as well as progress in the signing of the project document for UNDP, which had caused delays in the implementation of the incentive component.

11. The Secretariat asked UNEP whether the activities identified in the action plan will enable the country to meet and sustain the CFC phase-out under the Montreal Protocol beyond 2010, and was assured that, as the ban on CFC imports has been in place since January 2008, the country's zero consumption of CFCs can be sustained beyond 2010.

12. The Secretariat requested UNEP, as the lead agency, to submit a detailed action plan that will include the remaining activities from the first tranche, as well as those that are for assigned to the remaining tranche, and to provide specific information on the activities that are being carried out immediately after the approval of the second tranche. UNEP, on behalf of UNDP, submitted the requested action plan, which was reviewed by the Secretariat and is considered to be a comprehensive plan for the completion of the training activities as well as the incentive programme for 2010. The plan envisages the implementation of the incentive programme with beneficiaries identified on a monthly basis to be started as soon as possible.

13. The Secretariat also notes that this request is in line with decision 57/15 in that the disbursement from the first tranche is more than 20 percent, substantive progress in project implementation has been achieved, and CFC targets for the year have been met.

RECOMMENDATION

14. The Secretariat recommends that the Executive Committee:

- (a) Takes note of the progress report on the implementation of the first tranche of the terminal phase-out management plan (TPMP) in Maldives for the years 2007 and 2008; and
- (b) Approves the 2009-2010 annual implementation programme.

15. The Secretariat further recommends blanket approval of the second tranche for the TPMP for Maldives 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 tranche)	15,000	1,950	UNEP

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