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Addendum

PROJECT PROPOSAL: MALAWI

This addendum is being issued to:

- **Add** the following paragraphs:

11 bis. UNDP conducted a field mission to Malawi during the second-half of June 2003 to review the activities undertaken to date within the context of the phase-out project, to evaluate and assess results, as well as to assess future needs and outline the schedule of an 18-month strategic work plan.

11 ter. Preliminary findings revealed that MB imports have decreased between 1999 and 2003. A comprehensive survey is in the process of being completed and a final report will be presented to UNDP in the near future.

11 quar. A number of other issues were also raised and discussed with major stakeholders during the mission. A set of actions have been proposed to address those issues, specifically:

- (a) The Agricultural Research and Extension Agent, the national agency responsible for the technical implementation of the project, will assign one technician (on a full time basis) to assist the national project manager;
- (b) The procurement of materials and inputs required, to meet the 2004 MB phase out target, will be undertaken by December 2003. Also, a distribution schedule for growers is being elaborated in order to ensure that the maximum number of trained growers could benefit from this equipment;

- (c) Training will focus on the use of the floating tray system. Already trained extension workers will train farmers in the use of the floating tray system. On-going training-of-trainers will also continue. A regional specialist in the floating tray system will be engaged to exchange information on best management practices with extensionists and stakeholders. Such information will be incorporated by extension workers in the training sessions;
 - (d) A national legal consultant will be engaged (no later than August 2003) to review the present legal acts and develop a strategy to incorporate the phase-out of MB. The strategy will include, *inter alia*, cost-sharing, adhering to the phase-out schedule and how controlling and monitoring of MB imports can best be undertaken and enforced;
 - (e) The Government is also in the process of preparing a legal framework to include MB within the current list of ODS existing in the environmental framework. This will assist the country to restrict imports of MB and apply penalties if suppliers continue to import MB above the quota system being formulated. The Malawi Revenue Authority, the body responsible for controlling all imported goods, will be one of the partners to enforce this law (their officers have already received some training). The Pesticide Control Board will also join the partnership, as it is responsible for issuing import permits for all pesticides in Malawi;
 - (f) In order to avoid unintentional deviations from the original project budget, the 2003-2004 strategic plan includes a disbursement plan that ensures conformity with project activities and related costs as contained in the approved project document;
 - (g) The development of an awareness programme (September 2003) and its implementation (November 2003) will build upon efforts already undertaken by the government through the UNEP-funded information project; and
 - (h) The Government, in concert with UNDP-Malawi, will explore alternatives to ensure that capacity development be addressed and effectively incorporated into the Government's overall environmental management framework.
- **Replace paragraph 12 with the following:**
12. The Executive Committee may wish to consider the approval of release of the third tranche of the project proposal in light of the additional report submitted by UNDP.
