

TERMS OF REFERENCE

National Consultant for verification of the HCFC Phase-out Management Plan, stage 1 – tranche I Project reporting

Job Title:	National Consultant
Duty Station:	Chisinau, Moldova
Reference to the project:	HCFC Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP), stage 1, tranche 1
Type of Contract:	Individual Contract (IC)
Expected workload	Up to 40 days
Duration of Assignment:	March-April 2015

I. BACKGROUND

Moldova is a party to the Vienna Convention (24 October 1996) and the Montreal Protocol (MP) on the Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (24 October 1996) and operates under Article 5 of the MP.

Moldova also ratified all amendments to the Montreal Protocol: the London and Copenhagen Amendments on 25 June 2001, and the Montreal on 24 May 2005 and Beijing Amendment on 5 December 2006.

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has as a general objective to follow the Montreal Protocol phase-out schedule for HCFCs. The Hydrochlorofluorocarbon Phase-out Management Plan or HPMP has been prepared to define the Government commitment and plan to meet the obligations that it has assumed as a Party to the Montreal Protocol (MP) under Decision XIX/61¹ of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties, accelerating the phase-out of hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) in both Article 5 and non-Article 5 countries.

The HPMP was developed in a staged approach. The first stage of the planned activities covers the period from 2011-2015 and the second stage is related to the period 2015-2030 respectively.

Hydrochlorofluorocarbon Phase-out Management Plan (stage I, period 2011-2015) of the Republic of Moldova, developed by the National Ozone Unit of the Ministry of Environment, with the financial support of the MLF and the technical support of UNDP, in accordance with the guidance issued by the ExCom, as per document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/54/53² and ExCom Decision 54/39³ has been approved by the Executive Committee at its Sixty-third Meeting, April, 2011.

The HCFC Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP), stage 1 consists of two (2) tranches one (1) of which was approved.

The activities included in the HCFC Phase-out Management Plan Project (HPMP, stage 1) are meant to support the country in achieving a 10 percent reduction in HCFCs consumption baseline by 2015, contributing to Moldova's compliance with the 2013 and 2015 control targets for HCFCs.

In HPMP, stage I – tranche 1, a menu of regulatory and administrative control measures are planning to be implemented including imposition of mandatory quotas on the import of HCFCs set at the consumption freeze (average of 2009/10) level in 2013 and a follow-up 10% reduction in 2015, as well as other control measures related to controlling import of HCFCs.

The HPMP, stage 1 comprises a range of investment and non-investment activities for a sustainable freeze and 10% phase-out of HCFCs through a combination of training to refrigeration technicians/Customs, technical support

¹ http://ozone.unep.org/Meeting_Documents/mop/19mop/MOP-19-7E.pdf, Page 33

² <http://www.multilateralfund.org/files/54/5453.pdf>

³ <http://www.multilateralfund.org/files/54/5459.pdf>, Page 43, Annex XIX.

with required tooling in the servicing sector and for Customs, and policy/management support components as well as the support to the National Refrigeration Association.

The implementation of stage-I of HPMP has an approved total funding of USD 88,000, including USD 79,200 for the first tranche. The implementation of individual HPMP project components is dependent on a performance-based agreement between the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund and Government of the Republic of Moldova as set-out in Annex I.

Once the HPMP, stage 1 is successfully implemented, the result is a reduction of HCFC consumption from 1.00 ODP tons in 2013 to 0.61 ODP tons in the year 2020.

As per clause 5(b) of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Reduction in Consumption of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons also known as the HPMP Agreement, the Targets specified in HPMP agreement have to be independently verified, unless the Executive Committee decides that such verification is not required. In the 73rd meeting of the Executive Committee, USD 30,000 was approved for undertaking the verification for all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 (MLF no. MOL/PHA/73/TAS/30). The verification report needs to be submitted along with the request for second tranche of funding to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat (MFS).

UNDP is currently seeking a qualified individuals as National Consultant for the first tranche of the HCFC phase-out management plan, stage 1 verification reporting.

II. SCOPE OF WORK AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The overall objective of the assignment is to develop a verification report that will confirm that HCFC consumption for all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 (as specified in row 1.2 of Appendix 2A of the HPMP agreement of the Republic of Moldova) has been achieved within the HCFC Phase-out Management Plan – tranche I in Moldova.

Scope of Services:

- The National Consultant will confirm the HCFC consumption for all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014, based on process followed for monitoring and reporting for HCFC import and export in Moldova.
- The consultant will confirm that the implementation of licensing and quota system, is satisfactory at the national level and has ensured compliance with HPMP targets.

Task and Responsibilities:

- For establishing the national level consumption of substances, a desk review of documentation and records shall be carried out along with interactions with importers, distributors and industry associations.
- For establishing phase-out from ongoing projects, a desk review of the relevant completion documentation will be carried out along with interactions with major importers, distributors and industry associations.
- For establishing user level phase-out, a physical verification shall be carried out in addition to a desk review of completion documentation. For physical verification, a statistically credible sampling size (15% or more of end users that achieved phase out in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014) shall be selected. In the context of Moldova this means that the auditing consultant is expected to meet with the main stakeholders in the country.

The following national procedures and information are important to highlight in the final report:

1. Channel of communication between Government and Customs
2. Conditions of issuing licenses
3. Administrative procedures and documentation
4. System of monitoring and reporting on trade in HCFCs

5. Sanctions or penalties imposed on violation of legal regulations
6. Mechanisms and capacities for prosecution and enforcement
7. National system of Customs codes in addition to identifying substances and mixtures.

The following **information/data sources** may be used for carrying out the verification:

- Data for import and export of the substances in Moldova available with the Ozone Unit (NOU), Ministry of Environment (MoE), as reported to the Multilateral Fund and Ozone Secretariat for all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014 year, for the latter needed to understand the prospects of being compliant with 10% HCFC reduction by 1st January 2015.
- Data/documentation indicating imports of the substances to Moldova during all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014 year inclusive from Customs Department.
- Data/documentation indicating list of newly registered importers.
- Data/documentation indicating imports of substances in Moldova during all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014 year inclusive from other sources such as Public Association of the Refrigeration Association.
- Data/documentation/information available from importers indicating the imports of the substances during all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014 year inclusive. The list of registered and unregistered importers and their respective percentage share of ODSs import must be further investigated during performance verification.
- Data/documentation/information available from the major distributors of substances, indicating the total sales of the substances within the country during all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014 year inclusive.
- Data/documentation indicating consumption of substances by the end-users of HCFCs all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014 year inclusive in various sectors available.
- Completion documentation for HCFC phase out activities at recipient levels carried out during all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014 year inclusive.
- Documentation pertaining to the national level HCFC-phase out related technical assistance activities carried out during all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014 year inclusive.

Methodology for Verification

1. From the national import and export figures of the substances in Moldova during all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014, the national-level consumption figures for the substances may be calculated as Consumption = Imports – Exports (there is no production of HCFCs in the country). The import figures available from Customs and importers and the export figures available from NOUs of exporting countries may be used to establish and verify the net imports.
2. To assist in the national import figures detail calculation, raw import data from Customs Office should be obtained.
3. The data for the total in-country sales of the substances for all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014, available from the distributors, may be used for correlating and cross-checking the information available from a) above.
4. The consumption data at recipient levels for all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014 in each sector may be additionally used for supporting b) above.
5. During the interaction with importers and distributors, HCFCs stock during all years from the start of HPMP – 2011, 2012, 2013 (freeze year) and 2014 also has to be determined.
6. The phase-out achieved at the recipient-level (for both ongoing projects as well as sub-projects under the Plan) in the sectors covered is to be confirmed.

The completion of national-level technical assistance activities is to be confirmed

Final Report

The final report should be submitted no later than the 30 April, 2015 in consultation with NOU and MPU/Chemicals to align its further transmission to the MLF Secretariat along with a request of the 2nd and the last tranche under HPMP stage I programme. It should include the following information:

1. Describe the detailed stages and the procedures taken into account for the development of the verification report.

2. Summaries of all the pertinent aspects of national legislation, policies and procedures used to reach the objectives in the reduction of HCFC consumption as outlined in the HPMP Stage I.
3. Provide a detailed analysis of the data that proves and confirms that the results for reduction in HCFC consumption were reached.
4. Provide conclusions and recommendations.

Language and submission of work.

The work for verification shall be carried out and a Draft Verification Report in English shall be submitted within a maximum of 5 weeks from the date of issue of contract. The Final Report shall be submitted within one week of receiving comments from MPU/Chemicals if any, on the draft report.

III. DELIVERABLES

	Deliverable	Deadline	No. of working days (estimated)
1.	Work plan reflecting timeframe of the reporting deliverables submitted	March, 2015	4
2.	Completion of the Draft Verification Report	April, 2015	28
3.	Completion of the Final Verification Report	April, 2015	8

IV. TIMEFRAME

The timeframe for the assignment of the National Consultant is planned through March-April, 2015 and not exceeds 40 working days.

V. Management Arrangements

The consultant will work closely with the Ozone Office and Ministry of Environment, under overall supervision of the Ozone Office Coordinator. The NOU will provide all needed support to the consultant in order to facilitate the process. The consultant will report to the NOU Coordinator and UNDP assignment programme officer.

VI. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS

Interested individual consultants must submit the following documents/information in English to demonstrate their qualifications:

1. Proposal: explaining why they are the most suitable for the work;
2. Financial Proposal; in (USD, specifying a total lump sum amount and the number of anticipated working days);
3. Duly completed and signed P11 Form or personal CV.

VII. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

All candidates will be requested to submit an aggregated financial offer ("aggregated financial offer" is the total sum of all financial claims of the candidate for accomplishment of the task). Payment will be made upon submission and approval of deliverables and certification by UNDP that the services have been satisfactorily performed.

No travel missions are envisaged under present assignment.

The payment for the services will be carried out in two installments as follows:

1st installment at the rate of 10% of total amount after approval of deliverable no.1;

2nd installment at the rate of 90% of total amount after the completion and approval of deliverables no.2,3.

VIII. QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS REQUIRED

1. Academic Qualifications:

- Bachelor's in Engineering (Mechanics, Refrigeration), Business Administration, Environmental Management, Chemical Hazardous Management, Auditing or other related fields is required

2. Years of experience:

- At least 5 (five) years experience in carrying out audits/verifications of activities of a technical nature, preferably for environmental projects
- Previous experience in collaboration with UN and other international development agencies is a very strong advantage

3. Competencies:

- Ability to analyze guidance documents, tools, and other resources related to environmental protocols/conventions
- Familiarity with the Montreal Protocol and its amendments, country programme on ODS (ozone depleting substances) phase-out in Moldova, national customs and environmental legislation related to ODSs, GHG (greenhouse gases)
- Good understanding of procedures followed for project implementation under Montreal Protocol
- Good understanding of national regulation and procedures relating to import-export of ODSs and industrial policies relating to RAC (refrigeration and air-conditioning) sector in Moldova
- Skills to research, design and produce quality knowledge products (reports, policy papers, research papers, etc.)
- Ability to achieve results and deadlines in a timely manner, maintaining a high standard throughout

4. Language requirements

- Fluency in written and spoken English

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MULTILATERAL FUND FOR THE REDUCTION
IN CONSUMPTION OF HYDROCHLOROFLUOROCARBONS**

1. This Agreement represents the understanding of the Government of the Republic of Moldova (the "Country") and the Executive Committee with respect to the reduction of controlled use of the ozone-depleting substances (ODS) set out in Appendix 1-A ("The Substances") to a sustained level of 2.05 ODP tonnes prior to 1 January 2015 in compliance with Montreal Protocol schedules, with the understanding that this figure is to be revised one single time in 2011, when the baseline consumption for compliance would be established based on Article 7 data, with the funding to be adjusted accordingly, as per decision 60/44.
2. The Country agrees to meet the annual consumption limits of the Substances as set out in row 1.2 of Appendix 2-A ("The Targets, and Funding") in this Agreement as well as in the Montreal Protocol reduction schedule for all Substances mentioned in Appendix 1-A. The Country accepts that, by its acceptance of this Agreement and performance by the Executive Committee of its funding obligations described in paragraph 3, it is precluded from applying for or receiving further funding from the Multilateral Fund in respect to any consumption of the Substances which exceeds the level defined in row 1.2 of Appendix 2-A ("maximum allowable total consumption of Annex C, Group I Substances"; the Target) as the final reduction step under this Agreement for all of the Substances specified in Appendix 1-A, and in respect to any consumption of each of the Substances which exceeds the level defined in row 4.1.3 (remaining eligible consumption).
3. Subject to compliance by the Country with its obligations set out in this Agreement, the Executive Committee agrees in principle to provide the funding set out in row 3.1 of Appendix 2-A ("Targets and Funding") to the Country. The Executive Committee will, in principle, provide this funding at the Executive Committee meetings specified in Appendix 3-A ("Funding Approval Schedule").
4. The Country will accept independent verification, to be commissioned by the relevant bilateral or implementing agency, of achievement of the annual consumption limits of the Substances as set out in row 1.2 of Appendix 2-A ("The Targets, and Funding") of this Agreement as described in sub-paragraph 5(b) of this Agreement.
5. The Executive Committee will not provide the Funding in accordance with the Funding Approval Schedule unless the Country satisfies the following conditions at least 60 days prior to the applicable Executive Committee meeting set out in the Funding Approval Schedule:
 - (a) That the Country has met the Targets for all relevant years. Relevant years are all years since the year in which the hydrochlorofluorocarbons phase-out management plan (HPMP) was approved. Exempt are years for which no obligation for reporting of country programme data exists at the date of the Executive Committee Meeting at which the funding request is being presented;
 - (b) That the meeting of these Targets has been independently verified, except if the Executive Committee decided that such verification would not be required;
 - (c) That the Country had submitted tranche implementation reports in the form of Appendix 4-A ("Format of Tranche Implementation Reports and Plans") covering each previous calendar year, that it had achieved a significant level of implementation of activities initiated with previously approved tranches, and that the rate of disbursement of funding available from the previously approved tranche was more than 20 per cent;
 - (d) That the Country has submitted and received approval from the Executive Committee for a tranche implementation plan in the form of Appendix 4-A ("Format of Tranche Implementation Reports and Plans") covering each calendar year until and including the year for which the funding schedule foresees the submission of the next tranche or, in case of the final tranche, until completion of all activities foreseen; and
 - (e) That, for all submissions from the 68th Meeting onwards, confirmation has been received from the Government that an enforceable national system of licensing and quotas for HCFC imports and, where applicable, production and exports is in place and that the system is capable of ensuring the country's compliance with the Montreal Protocol HCFC phase-out schedule for the duration of this agreement.

6. The Country will ensure that it conducts accurate monitoring of its activities under this Agreement. The institutions set out in Appendix 5-A (“Monitoring Institutions and Roles”) will monitor and report on implementation of the activities in the previous tranche implementation plan in accordance with their roles and responsibilities set out in Appendix 5-A. This monitoring will also be subject to independent verification as described in sub-paragraph 5(b).

7. The Executive Committee agrees that the Country may have the flexibility to reallocate the approved funds, or part of the funds, according to the evolving circumstances to achieve the smoothest phase-down and phase-out of the Substances specified in Appendix 1-A. Reallocations categorized as major changes must be documented in advance in a Tranche Implementation Plan and approved by the Executive Committee as described in sub-paragraph 5(d). Major changes would relate to reallocations affecting in total 30 per cent or more of the funding of the last approved tranche, issues potentially concerning the rules and policies of the Multilateral Fund, or changes which would modify any clause of this Agreement. Reallocations not categorized as major changes may be incorporated in the approved Tranche Implementation Plan, under implementation at the time, and reported to the Executive Committee in the Tranche Implementation Report. Any remaining funds will be returned to the Multilateral Fund upon closure of the last tranche of the plan.

8. Specific attention will be paid to the execution of the activities in the refrigeration servicing sub-sector, in particular:

(a) The Country would use the flexibility available under this Agreement to address specific needs that might arise during project implementation; and

(b) The Country and the bilateral and implementing agencies involved will take full account of the requirements of decisions 41/100 and 49/6 during the implementation of the plan.

9. The Country agrees to assume overall responsibility for the management and implementation of this Agreement and of all activities undertaken by it or on its behalf to fulfil the obligations under this Agreement. UNDP has agreed to be the lead implementing agency (the “Lead IA”) in respect of the Country’s activities under this Agreement. The Country agrees to evaluations, which might be carried out under the monitoring and evaluation work programmes of the Multilateral Fund or under the evaluation programme of any of the agencies taking part in this Agreement.

10. The Lead IA will be responsible for carrying out the activities of the plan as detailed in the first submission of the HPMP with the changes approved as part of the subsequent tranche submissions, including but not limited to independent verification as per sub-paragraph 5(b). The Executive Committee agrees, in principle, to provide the Lead IA with the fees set out in row 2.2 of Appendix 2-A.

11. Should the Country, for any reason, not meet the Targets for the elimination of the Substances set out in row 1.2 of Appendix 2-A or otherwise does not comply with this Agreement, then the Country agrees that it will not be entitled to the Funding in accordance with the Funding Approval Schedule. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, funding will be reinstated according to a revised Funding Approval Schedule determined by the Executive Committee after the Country has demonstrated that it has satisfied all of its obligations that were due to be met prior to receipt of the next tranche of funding under the Funding Approval Schedule. The Country acknowledges that the Executive Committee may reduce the amount of the Funding by the amounts set out in Appendix 7-A in respect of each ODP tonne of reductions in consumption not achieved in any one year. The Executive Committee will discuss each specific case in which the Country did not comply with this Agreement, and take related decisions. Once these decisions are taken, this specific case will not be an impediment for future tranches as per paragraph 5.

12. The Funding of this Agreement will not be modified on the basis of any future Executive Committee decision that may affect the funding of any other consumption sector projects or any other related activities in the Country.

13. The Country will comply with any reasonable request of the Executive Committee and the Lead IA to facilitate implementation of this Agreement. In particular, it will provide the Lead IA with access to information necessary to verify compliance with this Agreement.

14. The completion of the HPMP and the associated Agreement will take place at the end of the year following the last year for which a maximum allowable total consumption has been specified in Appendix 2-A. Should at that

time activities be still outstanding which were foreseen in the Plan and its subsequent revisions as per sub-paragraph 5(d) and paragraph 7, the completion will be delayed until the end of the year following the implementation of the remaining activities. The reporting requirements as per Appendix 4-A (a), (b), (d) and (e) continue until the time of the completion if not specified by the Executive Committee otherwise.

15. All of the agreements set out in this Agreement are undertaken solely within the context of the Montreal Protocol and as specified in this Agreement. All terms used in this Agreement have the meaning ascribed to them in the Montreal Protocol unless otherwise defined herein.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1-A: THE SUBSTANCES

Substance	Annex	Group	Group Starting point for aggregate reductions in consumption (ODP tonnes)
HCFC-22	C	1	2.28

APPENDIX 2-A: THE TARGETS, AND FUNDING

		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
1.1	Montreal Protocol reduction schedule of Annex C, Group I substances (ODP tonnes)*	n/a	n/a	2.3	2.3	2.1	n/a
1.2	Maximum allowable total consumption of Annex C, Group I substances (ODP tonnes)	n/a	n/a	2.28	2.28	2.05	n/a
2.1	Lead IA UNDP agreed funding (US \$)	79,200	0	0	0	8,800	88,000
2.2	Support costs for Lead IA (US \$)	7,128	0	0	0	792	7,920
3.1	Total agreed funding (US \$)	79,200	0	0	0	8,800	88,000
3.2	Total support cost (US \$)	7,128	0	0	0	792	7,920
3.3	Total agreed costs (US \$)	86,328	0	0	0	9,592	95,020
4.1.1	Total phase-out of HCFC-22 agreed to be achieved under this agreement (ODP tonnes)						0.23
4.1.2	Phase-out of HCFC-22 to be achieved in previously approved projects (ODP tonnes)						0.00
4.1.3	Remaining eligible consumption for HCFC-22						2.05

*Figures based on Article 7 data, which are rounded to one decimal point.

APPENDIX 3-A: FUNDING APPROVAL SCHEDULE

1. Funding for the future tranches will be considered for approval not earlier than the first meeting of the year specified in Appendix 2-A.

APPENDIX 4-A: FORMAT OF TRANCHE IMPLEMENTATION REPORTS AND PLANS

1. The submission of the Tranche Implementation Report and Plan will consist of five parts:

(a) A narrative report regarding the progress in the previous tranche, reflecting on the situation of the Country in regard to phase out of the Substances, how the different activities contribute to it and how they relate to each other. The report should further highlight successes, experiences and challenges related to the different activities included in the Plan, reflecting on changes in the circumstances in the Country, and providing other relevant information. The report should also include information about and justification for any changes vis-a-vis the previously submitted tranche plan, such as delays, uses of the flexibility for reallocation of funds during implementation of a tranche, as provided for in paragraph 7 of this Agreement, or other changes. The narrative report will cover all relevant years specified in sub-paragraph 5(a) of the Agreement and can in addition also include information about activities in the current year;

(b) A verification report of the HPMP results and the consumption of the Substances mentioned in Appendix 1-A, as per sub-paragraph 5(b) of the Agreement. If not decided otherwise by the Executive Committee, such a verification has to be provided together with each tranche request and will have to provide verification of the consumption for all relevant years as specified in sub-paragraph 5(a) of the Agreement for which a verification report has not yet been acknowledged by the Committee;

(c) A written description of the activities to be undertaken in the next tranche, highlighting their interdependence, and taking into account experiences made and progress achieved in the implementation of earlier tranches. The description should also include a reference to the overall Plan and progress achieved, as well as any possible changes to the overall plan foreseen. The description should cover the years specified in sub-paragraph 5(d) of the Agreement. The description should also specify and explain any revisions to the overall plan which were found to be necessary;

(d) A set of quantitative information for the report and plan, submitted into a database. As per the relevant decisions of the Executive Committee in respect to the format required, the data should be submitted online. This quantitative information, to be submitted by calendar year with each tranche request, will be amending the narratives and description for the report (see sub-paragraph 1(a) above) and the plan (see sub-paragraph 1(c) above), and will cover the same time periods and activities; it will also capture the quantitative information regarding any necessary revisions of the overall plan as per sub-paragraph 1(c) above. While the quantitative information is required only for previous and future years, the format will include the option to submit in addition information regarding the current year if desired by the Country and the Lead IA; and

(e) An Executive Summary of about five paragraphs, summarizing the information of above sub-paragraphs 1(a) to 1(d).

APPENDIX 5-A: MONITORING INSTITUTIONS AND ROLES

1. The Ministry of Environment will be responsible for the implementation of the HPMP assisted by the National Ozone Unit (NOU). Experience gained so far shows that direct involvement of end-users, service companies and importers dealing with refrigeration and air-conditioning give the best results. In this context, the assistance of the Public Association of the Refrigeration Technicians from the Republic of Moldova will be rendered by its members taking into account their experience and collaboration with foreign partners. The Public Association of the Refrigeration Technicians will be responsible for development of a new certification system and collaboration with the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development and training institutions.

2. Harmonization of some legal acts related to ODS with European Union legislation will be carried out involving the National Institute of Standardization and Metrology and other relevant governmental agencies. The Ministry of Environment and the NOU will continue close collaboration with Customs Service to ensure effective implementation of licensing system and import/export monitoring of HCFC and HCFC-based equipment/products. The State Ecological Inspectorate will give its support in the monitoring of environmental legislation implementation. The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry may also add valuable contribution through their programmes, including assistance delivered by international organizations and different funds. Mass-media and non-governmental organizations will be engaged in public awareness activities.

APPENDIX 6-A: ROLE OF THE LEAD IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

1. The Lead IA will be responsible for a range of activities. These can be specified in the project document further, but include at least the following:

(a) Ensuring performance and financial verification in accordance with this Agreement and with its specific internal procedures and requirements as set out in the Country's phase-out plan;

(b) Assisting the Country in preparation of the Tranche Implementation Plans and subsequent reports as per Appendix 4-A;

(c) Providing verification to the Executive Committee that the Targets have been met and associated annual activities have been completed as indicated in the Tranche Implementation Plan consistent with Appendix 4-A;

- (d) Ensuring that the experiences and progress is reflected in updates of the overall Plan and in future Tranche Implementation Plans consistent with sub-paragraphs 1(c) and 1(d) of Appendix 4-A;
- (e) Fulfilling the reporting requirements for the tranches and the overall Plan as specified in Appendix 4-A as well as project completion reports for submission to the Executive Committee;
- (f) Ensuring that appropriate independent technical experts carry out the technical reviews;
- (g) Carrying out required supervision missions;
- (h) Ensuring the presence of an operating mechanism to allow effective, transparent implementation of the Tranche Implementation Plan and accurate data reporting;
- (i) In case of reductions in funding for failure to comply in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Agreement, to determine, in consultation with the Country, the allocation of the reductions to the different budget items and to the funding of each implementing or bilateral agency involved;
- (j) Ensuring that disbursements made to the Country are based on the use of the indicators; and
- (k) Providing assistance with policy, management and technical support when required.

2. After consultation with the Country and taking into account any views expressed, the Lead IA will select and mandate an independent organization to carry out the verification of the HPMP results and the consumption of the Substances mentioned in Appendix 1-A, as per sub-paragraph 5(b) of the Agreement and sub-paragraph 1(b) of Appendix 4-A.

APPENDIX 7-A: REDUCTIONS IN FUNDING FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY

1. In accordance with paragraph 11 of the Agreement, the amount of funding provided may be reduced by US \$180 per ODP kg of consumption beyond the level defined in row 1.2 of Appendix 2-A for each year in which the target specified in row 1.2 of Appendix 2-A has not been met.