

TERMINAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING FUNDING (as modified by decision 74/51)

2020 to 2021

Sections 1 to 12 and 15 to be completed by the country concerned prior to transmission to the implementing agency for comments in 14.

1. Country: Costa Rica
2. National implementing agency / ozone unit: MINAE/DIGECA/Ozone Technical Office.
3. Implementing agency: UNDP
4. Institutional strengthening (IS) project phases (approved):

| Phase | Duration (dd/mm/yy) | Multilateral Fund funding (approved) | Multilateral Fund funding (disbursed) |
|--------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Phase I | January 1993 – December 1996 | 213,160 | 213,160 |
| Phase II | January 1997 – December 1998 | 108,087 | 108,087 |
| Phase III | January 1999 – December 2000 | 108,087 | 108,087 |
| Phase IV | January 2001 – December 2003 | 108,087 | 108,087 |
| Phase V | January 2004 – December 2005 | 140,513 | 140,513 |
| Phase VI | January 2006 – December 2007 | 132,250 | 132,250 |
| Phase VII | January 2008 – December 2009 | 140,513 | 140,513 |
| Phase VIII | January 2010 – December 2011 | 140,513 | 140,513 |
| Phase IX | January 2012 – December 2013 | 140,513 | 140,513 |
| Phase X | January 2014 – December 2015 | 140,513 | 140,513 |
| Phase XI | January 2016 – December 2017 | 179,857 | 179,857 |
| Phase XII | January 2018 – December 2019 | 179,857 | 179,857 |

5. a) Reporting period (mm/yy to mm/yy): January 2018 December 2019.
- b) Requested (phase funding (US \$), and period): Phase: XIII U\$179,857.00
Period: January 2020 – December 2021.

6. Data reporting:

| Reporting requirement | Reported | | Year reported | Year submitted |
|----------------------------------|----------|----|---------------|----------------|
| | yes | no | | |
| Article 7 | X | | 2017 | 2018 |
| Article 7 | X | | 2018 | 2019 |
| Country programme implementation | X | | 2017 | 2018 |
| Country programme implementation | X | | 2018 | 2019 |

7. Describe the role and position of the National Ozone Unit (NOU) within the national administration, the way its work is supervised and its access to senior decision-makers (this may include cooperation with steering committees, advisory groups or inter-ministerial bodies).

Las funciones de la Oficina Técnica del Ozono (OTO), se enmarcan dentro del quehacer de la Dirección de Gestión de Calidad Ambiental (DIGECA) del Ministerio de Ambiente y Energía de Costa Rica. La DIGECA es el punto focal del Protocolo de Montreal. Esta oficina se encarga de facilitar y conducir todas las actividades tendientes a reducir el consumo de sustancias agotadoras de la capa de ozono; incluyendo la formulación de políticas para la reducción de las sustancias agotadoras de ozono y con potencial de calentamiento global. Todas las acciones se realizan en coordinación con otras entidades de gobierno, el sector privado y la sociedad civil a través de comisiones de trabajo, logrando tener acceso a los tomadores de decisión al más alto nivel.

With the support of the OTO, and institutional coordination with the Foreign Trade Promoter (Procomer) and the Directorate General of Customs, control is held on imports and exports of ODS and equipment containing them.

The OTO works with training centers to teach technicians good refrigeration and refrigerant management practices, but lack the ability to work with new electronic equipment.

8. Indicate the total number staff in the NOU:

- How many are paid under the IS? 3 Full time 3 Half time _____

- How many are paid by the Government? 2 Full time _____ Half time 1 _____

Quarter of time 1 _____

9. Is the unit fully staffed?

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| YES | NO |
| X | |

If no, explain _____

10. Please provide details on the status of the implementation of the activities approved from the previous IS phase and planned activities for the requested phase. Please add specific performance indicators.

| Objectives (please add as necessary) | Activities in current phase | Achievements in current phase (specify phase/mm/yy) | Planned activities in next phase (specify phase/mm/yy) | Expected results for next phase |
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| <p>Objective 1: Adoption/implementation of ODS legislation and regulation to control and monitor ODS consumption</p> <p>Introduction of licensing and quota system for HCFCs</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application of a Regulation "(DE-37614-MINAE) to implement a system of import quotas to phase out the use of HCFC, listed in Group 1 of Annex C of the Montreal Protocol. Calculation and distribution of new HCFC import quota for the years 2018 and 2019 according to the reduction schedule agreed with the Multilateral Fund of the Montreal Protocol. Regulate the import of HCFCs and HCFC in the country, in coordination with the Directorate General of Customs and Foreign Trade Promoter (PROCOMER) in accordance with the established quotas for HCFC. | <p>Gradual reduction of import of HCFCs according to the reduction schedule.</p> <p>An online system coordinated and operating efficiently, to control imports and exports of HCFCs and HFC.</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> <p>The country did not exceed the HCFC quota allocated during the years 2018 and 2019.</p> | <p>Monitor the implementation of the import quotas system to phase out the use of HCFC listed in Group 1 of Annex C of the Montreal Protocol "(DE-37614-MINAE).</p> <p>Calculate and distribute HCFC import quota among importers for the year 2020. In the year 2020 the second reduction corresponding to 25% will be made.</p> <p>January 2020 the import of RAC equipment containing HCFC will be prohibited.</p> <p>In the year 2021 the quota will be calculated and distributed according to the calendar.</p> | <p>Gradual reduction of import of HCFC according to the schedule.</p> <p>An online system coordinated and operating efficiently, to control imports and exports of HCFC and HFC.</p> <p>Import quotas established and allocated among importers for 2020 and 2021.</p> <p>Costa Rica does not import RAC equipment containing HCFC.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>In 2020, Costa Rica stops importing more than 35% of HCFC from its baseline.</p> <p>% of RAC equipment containing HCFC is imported to Costa Rica</p> |
| <p>Enforcement of control measures to sustain CFC phase out</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application of regulation 35676-MINAE, HACIENDA, SALUD, MAG, where the prohibition of the importation of CFC is established through the NT.73. | <p>Illegal imports of CFCs in recent years to 9 years have not been detected</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify the prohibition of the import of CFC in the form of pure substance or contained in equipment. | <p>No imports of CFC or equipment containing them are presented.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> |

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| Monitoring illegal ODS trade (all ODS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of Fiscal Control police officers from the Directorate General of Customs, on the characteristics of the ODS for easy identification. | <p>0% of CFC imports registered.</p> <p>Proper application of customs codes for the import of ODS.</p> <p>Fiscal Control Police Agents working in the General Customs Directorate will be trained in November 2019 to detect substances that deplete the ozone layer and those of alternative use for these, which enter the country illegally.</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> <p>0% of illegal ODS imports registered.</p> <p>75 Fiscal Control Police Agents working in the General Customs Directorate trained in November 2019.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train and equip Customs Agents in 2021 to identify ODS and substances of alternative use to these, to prevent illegal entry into the country. | <p>% of CFC imports registered.</p> <p>Customs agents trained and equipped to identify ODS and substances of alternative use to these, to prevent illegal entry into the country.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>% of illegal ODS imports registered.</p> <p>Number agents trained and equipped to identify ODS and substances of alternative use to these, to prevent illegal entry into the country.</p> |
| Ratification of Amendments to the Montreal Protocol | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol has already been ratified. | <p>Ratification: Law Number 9522 of December 20, 2017</p> <p>“Approval of the amendment to the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer” and published in digital scope number 59 in Gazette number 51 of March 19, 2018.</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> <p>Deposit of the instrument: May 23, 2018</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kigali amendment will be socialized with stakeholders through workshops. | <p>100 Stakeholders informed about the Kigali Amendment.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>Number stakeholders informed about the implementation of the Kigali Amendment.</p> |

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| Objective 2: Efficient and timely data collection and reporting | | | | |
| Monitoring customs import/export | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random review of the implementation of tariff headings for imports of ODS and alternative. • Monitoring and control of the import and export of substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol and the equipment that contains them, through a licensing system. | <p>Reduce the risk of illicit trafficking.</p> <p>Import / export of substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol and in addition to equipment that uses gas for its operation, registered.</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> <p>Registration of import/export of substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol and in addition to equipment that uses gas for its operation.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random review of the implementation of tariff headings for imports of ODS and alternative. • Continue Monitoring and control of the import and export of substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol and the equipment that contains them, through a licensing system. | <p>Reduce the risk of illicit trafficking.</p> <p>Import / export of substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol and in addition to equipment that uses gas for its operation, registered.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>Registration of import/export of substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol and in addition to equipment that uses gas for its operation.</p> |
| Monitoring consume | ----- | ----- | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a proposed legislation for the monitoring and control of the consumption of substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol and the equipment that contains them, through an automatic reporting system. • Development of a proposed monitoring and control of the consume of substances controlled by | <p>Have an automated information capture system proposal.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>A proposal for an automated information capture system.</p> |

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| Article 7 data reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systematization of ODS import and export data to be sent to the Ozone Secretariat 2018 and 2019. | <p>Country compliance on the submission of annual reports of ODS consumption, under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol, to the Ozone Secretariat. (May 2018 and 2019).</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> <p>Report sent to the Ozone Secretariat 2018 and 2019.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing and sending the ODS and HFC consumption data (May each year). | <p>Data reports to the Ozone Secretariat sent in 2020 and 2021.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>Report sent to the Ozone Secretariat 2020 and 2021.</p> |
| Country programme data reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systematization of ODS import and export data to be sent to the Montreal Multilateral Fund of Montreal Protocol 2018 and 2019. | <p>Country compliance on the submission of annual reports of ODS consumption to the Montreal Multilateral Fund. (February 2018 and 2019)</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> <p>Report sent to the Montreal Multilateral Fund 2018 and 2019.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and submit the ODS and HFC consumption data (February each year) | <p>Data reports sent to the Montreal Multilateral Fund in 2020 and 2021.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>Report sent to the Montreal Multilateral Fund 2020 and 2021.</p> |
| Objective 3: Consultations and coordination with other national agencies/stakeholders | | | | |
| Steering Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodic monitoring of the activities developed under the project, with the participation of stakeholders involved in its implementation (UNDP, MINAE and OZONE UNIT). | <p>Projects implemented under the Montreal Protocol, managed by a Steering Committee.</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> <p>4 meetings per year</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering the Monitoring Committee on a regular basis to monitor the progress of the activities planned under the project. | <p>Decisions endorsed by the Steering Committee.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>Number meetings per year</p> |

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| Industry associations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct coordination workshops with the industry to achieve a gradual reduction of HCFC and HFC. Development of the International Fair of Green Technologies in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning FIVERAC 2019. (3-5 October) | <p>The Costa Rican industry informed and committed to the elimination of ODS, and the promotion of technologies with alternative refrigerants.</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> <p>The Fair was attended by 27 companies that exhibited the latest in refrigeration technology and air conditioning friendly to the environment and climate</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminate with stakeholders the implementation of the Kigali amendment to eliminate HFCs, through workshops. | <p>Industry involved in implementing activities to phase out the consumption of HFC.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>Number of workshops and stakeholders taught.</p> |
| Objective 4: Supervision of timely implementation of phase-out activities and reduction in ODS consumption | | | | |
| Terminal phase-out management plan implementation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompaniment in the management process for the destruction of CFC, HCFC and HFC non-reusable (2018-2019). | <p>1,2 tons of ODS and HFC destroyed.</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> <p>1,2 tones of ODS and HFC destroyed.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompaniment in the management process for the destruction of non-reusable residual gases (2020-2021). Development of campaigns for the recovery of non-reusable refrigerant gases. | <p>Campaign developed for recovery of non-reusable refrigerant gases</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>Number of campaigns (target 1).</p> |
| HCFC phase-out management plan preparation/implementation Supervision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finishing the implementation of National Strategy for HPMP I. (2019). Preparation and submission of National Strategy for HPMP II (2019) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce consumption of HCFC (ODP) to the year 2018, according to the elimination schedule. <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> <p>% Reduction ODP (Tons)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the import of ODP according to the elimination schedule. Ban the import of equipment containing ODS. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No import of HCFC containing equipment by 2020. <p>Indicator:</p> <p>Effective ban on HCFC containing equipment in place (target 1).</p> |

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| <p>Project 1: Coordination Implementing Enabling Activities for the ratification of the Kigali Amendment</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable the Legal Framework for the ratification • Assess legislation and policies for the implementation of the Amendment. • Assess coordination mechanisms needed to implement the Amendment. • Review the licensing and data reporting systems on HFC. • Raise Awareness on the ratification and implementation processes of the Kigali Amendment | <p>Ratified Amendment. Development of technical standards in progress. Coordination with the Industrial, commercial and domestic subsectors within the RAC Sector. A licensing system for HFC operating. Workshop “A sustainable transition towards low Global Warming Potential refrigerants”, in the refrigeration and air conditioning sector with a participation of 58 participants representing different subsectors.</p> <p>Performance indicator</p> <p>Project completed in 80%</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish the pending activities of the project. | |
| <p>Project 2: Coordination Developing a National Cooling Plan</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare terms of reference for hiring consulting. | <p>Pending</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulting Development | <p>Proposal of the National Cooling Plan for Costa Rica that provide basic information about the importance of RAC sector for the country and climate protection actions.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>Proposed Plan Completed</p> |

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| Objective 5: Awareness raising and information exchange | | | | |
| Information dissemination to key stakeholders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update OTO's website with information of public interest 2018-2019. Raise public awareness about the importance of not acquiring RAC equipment with refrigerants that deplete the ozone layer and produce global warming. The use of RAC equipment that is energy efficient is promoted. 2018-2019. The Ultraviolet Radiation Index is published daily in the 7 provinces of the country. | <p>Updated OTO's website to carry out consultations and procedures on substances that deplete the ozone layer.</p> <p>1200 people informed about the importance of acquiring eco-efficient equipment.</p> <p>The country knows the ultraviolet radiation index in its province (2018-2019).</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved</p> <p>1200 people informed about the importance of acquiring eco-efficient equipment.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update OTO's website with information of public interest (2020-2021). Continue promoting the acquisition of eco-efficient equipment (2020-2021) Raising public awareness about the importance of not continuously expose to ultraviolet radiation and use the necessary protection, this through lectures and distribution of materials (2020-2021). | <p>Updated OTO's website to carry out consultations and procedures on substances that deplete the ozone layer.</p> <p>200 people informed about the importance of acquiring eco-efficient equipment.</p> <p>100 people sensitized in the importance of not continuously expose to UV radiation and use the necessary protection population.</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>Number of people informed about the importance of acquiring eco-efficient equipment.</p> <p>Number of people sensitized in the importance of not continuously expose to UV radiation</p> |

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| International Ozone Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization of activities to celebrate the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer (2018 and 2019): In the 2018 celebration, the #HEROESPORELOZONO campaign was used. For the celebration of 2019, the first International Fair of Green Technologies in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning FIVERAC 2019 was organized. | <p>Commemoration of the International Ozone Day in September (2018-2019)</p> <p>Performance indicator were fully achieved:</p> <p>During the month of September of 2018, the Ozone Office shared with more than 1000 children the importance of preserving the ozone layer, making us all heroes for ozone.</p> <p>FIVERAC 2019 was attended by 773 people related to companies in search of the acquisition of new RAC technologies and 180 students of professional technical colleges of the specialty of refrigeration with the aim of training.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize different activities during the ozone month, including conferences, dissemination of messages through printed, digital materials and in the national press. Promotion of new more efficient technologies. (2020-2021) | <p>Commemoration of the International Ozone Day in September (2020-2021)</p> <p>Indicator:</p> <p>Type of celebration activities</p> <p>Number of participants.</p> |
| Objective 6: Regional cooperation and participation to Montreal Protocol meetings | | | | |
| Regional network participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance to the ROLAC meetings, one per year Participation at the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Thirty-ninth meeting 2018 Participation at the Forty Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 2018. | <p>Participation at the following network meetings:</p> <p>Ecuador 2018</p> <p>Paraguay 2019</p> <p>Francia 2019</p> <p>Proposals for facilitating activities identified.</p> <p>Participation in decision-making</p> | <p>To participate in Regional network meetings.</p> <p>To participate in the international MP meetings.</p> | <p>Attendance to the ROLAC meetings, one per year.</p> <p>Attendance to the OEWG, MOP and ExCom Meetings. Participation in contact groups as required.</p> |
| Open-ended Working Group / Meeting of the Parties | | | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation at the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer Forty meeting 2019 | | | |

11. Financial report:

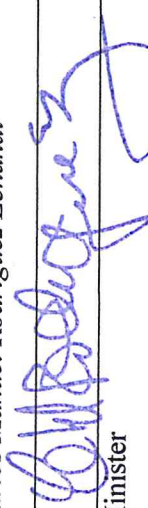
| Item of expenditure | Budget for current phase (US \$) | Disbursement (for current phase) (US \$) | | Estimated budget (for requested phase) (US \$) | Government funding (in kind contribution) (US \$) | |
|---|--|--|------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| | | Actual* | Obligated | | Current phase | Requested phase |
| Staff (including consultants) | 108 000.00 | 77 925.90 | 30 074.1 | 110 000.00 | 117 762.39 | 69 815.22 |
| Equipment | 10 000.00 | 4 907.04 | 5 092.96 | 7 000.00 | 22 000.00 | 3 500.00 |
| Operational cost (i.e. meetings, consultations, etc.) | 35 000.00 | 19 827.08 | 15 172.92 | 51 000.00 | 39 778.17 | 15 884.80 |
| Public awareness | 20 000.00 | 9 983.57 | 10 016.43 | 8 000.00 | 29 500.00 | 10 500.00 |
| Other | 6 857.00 | 4 160.27 | 2 696.73 | 3 857.00 | 10 000 | 2 000.00 |
| TOTAL | 179 857.00 | 116 803.86 | 63 053.14 | 179 857.00 | 219 040.56 | 101 700.00 |

Note: Disbursement as of October 1st, 2019.


12. Please evaluate the IS performance in meeting the following indicators:

| Indicator | Evaluation | | Comments |
|---|------------|------|----------|
| | Very good | Poor | |
| 1. Effectiveness of import control measures | X | | |
| 2. Integration of ozone protection issues into national plans | | X | |
| 3. Completion of phase-out projects | X | | |
| 4. Efficient data reporting | X | | |

13. Government endorsement:

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| Action plan authorized by (<i>name</i>): | <i>Carlos Manuel Rodriguez Echandi</i> |
| Signature of authorising authority: |  |
| Title: | Minister |
| Supervising Organization/Agency/Ministry: | Ministry of Environment and Energy |
| Date: | 15/10/19 |

14. Submission of action plan:

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| Name of implementing agency: | UNDP |
| Name of Project Officer: | Kasper Koefoed-Hansen |
| Signature of Project Officer: |  |
| Date: | 15/10/19 |
| Comments of the implementing agency: | The National Ozone Unit is a well-functioning unit that is fully integrated into the institutional structure of the |

Directorate of Environmental Quality Management (DIGECA) and more broadly in the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MINAE) in Costa Rica. The country has ratified the Kigali Amendment in the reporting period and is in the process of preparing the country for the implementation of the Kigali Amendment. Costa Rica is always in compliance with its consumption obligations under the Montreal Protocol and is providing the data reporting in a timely manner. There is a close working relationship with other government institutions such as Customs and the training institutions like the INA, etc. There is also a close collaboration with the Private Sector. The Montreal Protocol programme is visible in Costa Rica thanks to an effective public awareness campaign.

15. Executive summary: please provide summaries for the information required below in no more than one paragraph each. These paragraphs will be used in documents for the Executive Committee Meeting.

a) Terminal report

Costa Rica has carried out an efficient control of HCFC import quotas reducing already complied with the 35% reduction in the use of HCFCs that is the target for 2020 compared to its baseline of 2009-10 during the implementation of stage XII of the Institutional Strengthening project of the Ozone Technical Office which is a part of the Directorate of Environmental Quality Management (DIGECA) of MINAE. The annual report for the year 2019 is pending and will be submitted in 2020. In the framework of this phase XII, the illegal traffic of ODS has also been addressed (nothing detected). The consumption of alternative substances to ODS with low global warming potential and the use of equipment with greater energy efficiency has been encouraged through different activities. In December 2017, Costa Rica ratified the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol. In addition, the National Meteorological Institute (IMN) monitors and publishes the Ultraviolet Radiation Index daily, individually for the 7 regions of Costa Rica.

b) Plan of action

In the new phase of the Project, the licensing system for the control of HFC imports according to Kigali will be optimized, and work will continue on the control of imports of HCFCs and their alternatives, as well as the equipment containing them. Likewise, support will continue to be provided for the management of ODS waste initiated under the HCFC phase-out plan and the training and awareness program for importers and final consumers of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment with eco-efficiency characteristics will be strengthened. The

completion of the pending activities of the project will be coordinated: Implementation of enabling activities of the Kigali Amendment and work on the development of the proposal of the National Cooling Plan.