

## MULTILATERAL FUND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL

## Secretariat

15 January 2013

Dear Mr. Ashraf,

I refer to the Sixty-eighth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol held in Montreal, Canada, from 3 to 7 December 2012.

I am pleased to inform you that the Executive Committee approved funding for the seventh phase of the institutional strengthening project requested by your Government at the level of US \$224,467. In this regard, the Executive Committee expressed the following observations:

The Executive Committee reviewed the report presented with the institutional strengthening project renewal request for Pakistan for Phase VII, and noted with appreciation the fact that Pakistan achieved phase-out targets for CFCs, halons, CTC. methyl chloroform and methyl bromide, except for CFCs approved under the essential use process by the Meeting of Parties to the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee greatly appreciates the efforts of Pakistan to sustain complete phase-out of the majority of ODSs, to stop using CFCs in metered-dose inhalers (MDI) manufacturing from 1 January 2013 and systematically move forward in achieving HCFC phase-out. The Executive Committee is hopeful that in the next two years, Pakistan will continue with the implementation of its country programme, national phase-out activities relating to HCFC phase-out and remaining activities relating to CFC MDI phase-out, with outstanding success to achieve sustained ODS phase-out in line with its commitment under the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee is also hopeful that in Stage I of its HCFC phase-out activities, Pakistan will continue to build upon its experience of CFC phase-out and successfully achieve the HCFC freeze at baseline in 2013 and the 10 per cent reduction in 2015.

Finally, I would also like to advise you that the Executive Committee would consider cancellation of the Plan for phase-out of CFCs in the manufacture of pharmaceutical MDIs in Pakistan, implemented by UNDP if no progress were reported to the Sixty-ninth meeting.

Sincerely yours

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