EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE FORTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (UNEP/Ozl.Pro/ExCom/49/43)

"... the Executive Committee decided:

- (a) To request the Governments of Bangladesh and Egypt, assisted by the relevant implementing agencies, to include the following in the 2007 and 2008 annual implementation programmes of their national CFC phase-out plans:
 - (i) Specific activities that were technically viable and economically feasible that could be implemented in the shortest possible period of time to achieve the greatest reduction in consumption of CFCs, such as the introduction of non-CFC drop-in refrigerants for servicing refrigeration equipment and/or cost-effective equipment retrofits;
 - (ii) Assessment of the feasibility of importing recovered and recycled CFCs for servicing existing refrigeration equipment;
 - (iii) Within the flexibility for reallocating approved funds provided in the agreements between the Governments concerned and the Executive Committee, consider establishing stockpiles of pharmaceutical grade CFC for use in metered-dose-inhaler (MDI) production facilities, if technically feasible and economically viable;
- (b) To request the Government of Bangladesh to submit to the 50th Meeting a proposal for the development of a transition strategy for the phase-out of CFC-based MDIs. In developing its strategy, Bangladesh was invited to consider, among other things:
 - (i) Accelerating the replacement of CFC-MDIs with hydrofluoroalkane-MDIs and/or other non-CFC alternatives (i.e. dry powder inhalers) by multi-national companies that had already introduced those products in other Article 5 Parties;
 - (ii) Inviting multinational companies manufacturing CFC-MDIs in Bangladesh to provide information demonstrating the steps being taken to assist the earliest possible changeover to the manufacture of non-CFC asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease treatments in Bangladesh;
 - (iii) To facilitate the earliest possible completion by the leading nationally-owned manufacturer of MDIs in Bangladesh of the

manufacturing facilities for non-CFC MDIs currently under implementation;

- (c) To request the Government of Egypt to finalize as soon as possible the preparation of a project for the phase-out of CFCs in the manufacture of MDIs that had been approved for UNIDO at the 45th Meeting of the Executive Committee, addressing any compliance-related issues; and
- (d) To request the Fund Secretariat to update document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/49/39, taking into account any new information that might come to light and the implications of decisions to be taken at the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties, and to present the revised paper to the Executive Committee at its 51st Meeting.

(Decision 49/33)"