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OZONE LAYER
Montreal, 15-17 September 1997

REIMBURSEMENT OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE MULTILATERAL FUND

1. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has received a request from the Government of Cyprus, in a letter dated 11 July 1997, for reimbursement of the amount Cyprus contributed to the Multilateral Fund for the years 1994, 1995 and 1996. Cyprus was reclassified as a Party operating under Article 5, effective 1 January 1994, following the data reported to the Secretariat in April 1996 which showed that in 1994 it had reduced the per capita consumption of ozone-depleting substances under Annexes A and B of the Protocol below the allowable limit to operate under that Article. Following the analysis of those data, the Government of Cyprus was immediately informed of its reclassification as operating under Article 5.

2. Cyprus paid its contribution for 1994, 1995 and 1996 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Contribution</u> (United States dollars)	<u>When paid</u>
1994	\$26,647	December 1994
1995	\$34,887	September 1995
1996	\$52,249	May 1996

3. Parties may wish to note that, in paragraph 6 of Article 10, the Montreal Protocol provides, *inter alia*: "The Multilateral Fund shall be financed by contributions from Parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 (...) on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessments. Contributions by other Parties shall be encouraged". The Treasurer accepts all contributions since "other Parties" also may contribute.

4. Another Party which is currently an Article 5 Party and which has contributed to the Fund for the years for which it was subsequently classified as operating under Article 5 is Malta. The amounts paid by Malta are as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Amount paid</u> (United States dollars)	<u>Relating to</u> <u>the year</u>	<u>Date paid</u>
Malta (reclassified in 1993 for 1991. Also classified as operating under Article 5 for 1992 and 1993)	8,443	1992	July 1992
	13,345	1993	August 1993

5. Parties may wish to consider this issue in the light of this background information.

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AnnexLetter dated 11 July 1997 from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of
Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of Cyprus

"Contribution of Cyprus to the Multilateral Fund

"1. I would like to refer to the above subject and kindly request you to examine the status of the contributions of Cyprus to the above Fund, as the country is participating in the Montreal Protocol under Article 5, since January 1994.

"2. According to the provisions of the Montreal Protocol, countries operating under Article 5, do not contribute obligatorily to the Fund. As it appears in our accounts Cyprus has paid US\$ 52,249 for the year 1996, US\$ 34,887 for 1995, and US\$ 26,647 for 1994, i.e. a total of US\$ 113,783.

"3. As we are in urgent need to finance the implementation of our Country Programme, and since the Executive Committee of the Fund, in its 22nd Meeting, in May 1997, has decided not to extend to us any funding for the submitted projects, we request you:

"(a) To inform your Accounting Dept. on the status of Cyprus, since 1994,

"(b) To examine whether reimbursement of the amount Cyprus has already paid to the Fund, should be made, as per the above analysis, if it is found that the country was not correctly invoiced and that the contributions did not have to be paid.

"Yours sincerely,

(Signed) C. PAPASTAVROS
for Permanent Secretary"
