



SYRIA

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OZONE UNIT

Year of establishment: 1993 [year of approval by Executive Committee]

Operating under Phase II (Phase III has been requested).

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Sectors covered [by UNIDO]:

Institutional Strengthening/Support to Ozone Unit, Aerosols, Foam, Methyl Bromide, Refrigeration,

UNIDO support: US\$ 414,558 (for 5 years operations)

Participation to and/or organization of events:

Meetings organized by the Multilateral Fund (Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund, Meeting of Parties; yearly celebration of International Ozone Day, 16 September [organized by the OU for the country]).

Legislative measures undertaken by the OU through the IS project

The country handbook on ozone protection was prepared and distributed.

A ministerial decree on control and monitoring imports and uses of halons was issued.

A ministerial decree on control uses and imports and exports of all ODSs and ODS-containing equipment has been drafted.

The licensing system to control and monitor import and use of ODSs has been adopted by the High Council for Environmental Protection.

Ministerial decree issued in October 2002 on halon monitoring and control.

Awareness activities:

Awareness campaigns concerning alternatives to methyl bromide were carried out. Public awareness activities through local and regional radio and TV stations and through newspapers. At the occasion of the Ozone Day (16 September) seminars were organized in Damascus and Aleppo high schools.

Sector-specific training courses for technicians and customs were carried out.