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PROGRESS IN PHASING OUT LEAD IN GASOLINE

Note by the Executive Director

Addendum

The present document provides updated information on the use of leaded gasoline in Africa. The content of this note has been reproduced without formal editing.

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Progress in phasing out lead in gasoline

1. Since the UNEP questionnaire in 2002 surveying countries on their use of lead in gasoline, additional information on the use of lead in gasoline in Africa has come to UNEP's attention. These data are provided, in part, through the Global Partnership for Cleaner Fuels and Vehicles for Cleaner Air established during the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
2. It would appear from data provided by Shell, a member of the Partnership, that Egypt, Libya, Mauritius, Morocco, Reunion, Sudan, Tunisia and Western Sahara are presently using only unleaded gasoline or will shift to using only unleaded gasoline during 2003. In addition, Algeria, Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland and South Africa are reported to have taken steps towards increasing the market share of unleaded gasoline and/or phasing out leaded gasoline.
3. A number of governments in Africa have requested UNEP's assistance in helping them move towards the use of unleaded gasoline.
4. Beginning on 1 February 2003, the United Nations Offices in Nairobi will be setting a good example by ceasing to provide leaded gasoline and only providing unleaded gasoline at the UN petrol station, thereby becoming the first petrol station in East Africa to do so.
5. It should be noted that Italy is a partner in the Global Partnership for Cleaner Fuels and Vehicles for Cleaner Air. This information was inadvertently omitted from document UNEP/GC.22/INF/23.
