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REPORT BACK FROM CLEARING-HOUSE: 2004 ACTIVITIES DRAFT – 12 October 2004

1.0 Clearing-House Operations

The mandate for Clearing-House operations originates in: the Governance Rules; November 2002 NY Meeting decision; and various Advisory Group decisions from 8 March and 27 May.

1.1 Staff

In January 2004 there was one professional working for the PCFV Clearing-House (Wendy Jackson). Due to rapid growth of the PCFV, particularly in requests from Partners for support and collaboration in various activities, it was decided in mid-2004 to recruit two new staff members: another professional to work on substantive aspects of Clearing-House operations; and a locally-recruited programme management assistant to assist with accounting and project reporting. Interviews for both posts were held in June/July 2004, and recruitment of the support staff took place in October 2004. Recruitment of the professional is expected before end-2004. Support for Clearing-House activities is also given through partial work-time of Rob de Jong, Tim Kasten, Jane Akumu and Lillian Omwodo, all UNEP staff members.

1.2 Raising funds for PCFV

A total of approximately US\$1,330,000 was raised in 2004. Funds were received and/or pledged from:

- the Dutch VROM –
 - \$200,000 for activities in Sub-Saharan Africa
 - Euro 100,000 for activities in Sub-Saharan Africa and CH operations
- US EPA –
 - \$400,000 for regional and global activities, as well as CH operations
 - \$210,000 for activities in the Asian region
- IPIECA –
 - \$18,000 for CH operations and other activities
- FIA Foundation –
 - \$150,000 for CH operations and other activities
- UNEP –
 - \$180,000 for support to activities in Sub-Saharan Africa
 - \$50,000 for CH operations

1.3 Bringing in new Partners

Partners that joined the PCFV in 2004 include: NAAMSA (South Africa), Asian Clean Fuels Association, Japan Petroleum Energy Center, Regional Environment Centre for Central and Eastern Europe, *TPG (Netherlands)*, *Blacksmith Institute*. This brings the total number of Partners to 67.

1.4 Organisation of 3GPM in New Delhi (2-3 December 2004)

Pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Governance Rules, the Third Annual Partnership Meeting will be convened in New Delhi, India on 2-3 December 2004. The Meeting is being co-organised by the PCFV and the Society for Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM). Also pursuant to the Governance Rules, the Clearing-House will report back on activities and expenditures in 2004, as well as present the Work Programme and Budget for 2005, which Partners are to approve. *More information to be added once preparations are further along.*

2.0 Information Dissemination

The mandate for information dissemination originates in: the Governance Rules; the Clearing-House tasks as set out during November 2002 NY Meeting decision; and the PCFV Mission Statement.

2.1 Newsletter

Two issues of the PCFV Newsletter were published in 2004: the first issue in July 2004; the second in November 2004.

2.2 Website

The website is the main source of disseminating information to the global network of Partners. The website is updated regularly by the Clearing-House, in terms of adding/removing news and events, adding Partners, adding materials that have been submitted by Partners, etc.

2.3 Responding to requests for information

Requests – from both Partners and non-Partners – arrive almost daily by email and by telephone. Requests can be for information about the PCFV, clean fuels/vehicles issues, certain regions, etc. Responses to these requests are made on an ongoing basis.

2.4 Developing public outreach materials

Three primary public outreach materials were commissioned and released by the Clearing-House this year. A professional brochure (as opposed to the previous information sheet) was designed and printed in early 2004; a second edition released in mid-2004. The brochure was designed so that periodic updates are easily done. Second, a PCFV promotional video was commissioned in mid-2004. The Clearing-House (or representatives thereof) attend conferences, meetings and workshops at least once-twice per month, and we felt it would be most efficient and effective to have a ready-

made video to show at these events. It is expected that the video will be finalised and released in late 2004. Lastly, a leaded petrol phase-out video was commissioned in mid-2004. We are often asked by developing governments (mostly in Africa) for any public awareness materials that we may have for them to use in their own countries. In particular, many government officials have asked for videos that they can show on their public/govt television stations. Therefore, we felt this video - which is designed to be easily translated into other languages - could be distributed to these governments, and would provide a means for them to provide public awareness on unleaded petrol. It is expected that this video will be finalised and released in late 2004.

3.0 Global Working Groups

The mandate for the work of the Global Working Groups originates in: the Governance Rules; the November 2002 NY Meeting decision; outcomes of the Second Global Partnership Meeting in December 2003.

3.1 Valve Seat Recession

The VSR Working Group, chaired by John Mooney (EETPI), started its deliberations in early 2003, and concluded in April 2004. The report of the VSR Working Group was issued initially at the May 2004 Conference on Phasing Out Leaded Petrol in Sub-Saharan Africa (see Section 4.6), and was very well-received by delegates. Official publication of the report is expected in late 2004.

3.2 Sulphur

The Sulphur Working Group, chaired by Dale McKinnon (MECA), also started its deliberations in early 2003. At the time of this draft, the deliberations of the Sulphur Working Group were still ongoing. A redraft of the document is expected to be circulated to the Working Group in October 2004.

3.3 Octane

The Octane Working Group, chaired by Fred Potter (IFQC), started its deliberations in mid-2003. At the time of this draft, the deliberations of the Octane Working Group were still ongoing.

3.4 Public Awareness

The Public Awareness Working Group, chaired by Martina Otto (UNEP-DTIE), was established in December 2003 at the Second Global Partnership Meeting. At the time of this draft, deliberations of the Public Awareness Working Group were still ongoing.

4.0 Support to Partners¹

The mandate for support to Partners originates in: the Governance Rules; various Advisory Group decisions from 8 March and 27 May; the PCFV Mission Statement; and requests from various Partners.

4.1 Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)

Substantive activities in Sub-Saharan Africa currently comprise the bulk of Clearing-House time. The Dakar Declaration set the December 2005 deadline for the elimination of leaded petrol in Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Clearing-House has been putting much effort into ensuring this deadline is met. At the end of 2003 only three countries in SSA were fully unleaded, whereas now there are ten, and over 50% of the petrol in the market is unleaded.

4.1.1 Central Africa Workshop on phasing out leaded petrol

The Central Africa Sub-regional Workshop on phasing out leaded petrol was the last in a series of sub-regional workshops held in Sub-Saharan Africa as a follow-up to the June 2001 Dakar Conference on phasing out petrol (16-17 March). The PCFV was represented at the meeting and a presentation was given. Outcomes of this Workshop fed into the May 2004 Conference to assess progress on phasing out leaded petrol in Sub-Saharan Africa.

4.1.2 Conference to assess progress made on phasing out leaded petrol in Sub-Saharan Africa (Dakar+2)

Dakar+2 was jointly organised by The World Bank, the US EPA, IPIECA, UNEP and the PCFV (5-7 May 2004). The objectives of the Conference were to: take stock of the progress made in each sub-region in the process of leaded gasoline phase-out; identify key issues and potential constraints and recommend the remaining measures to be taken to reach the December 2005 deadline; and debate the overall issues of urban air pollution. Follow-up on this conference is currently underway in the form of national activities in countries that require public awareness and other efforts to ensure the elimination of leaded petrol by end-2005.

4.1.3 Clean Air Initiative – Sub-Saharan Africa (CAI-SSA) Steering Committee Meeting

One of the agenda items of the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting of CAI-SSA (27-28 October) was an examination of progress toward reaching the Dakar Declaration target of phasing out leaded petrol in Sub-Saharan Africa by end-2005 and to discuss future issues. The PCFV attended this meeting to provide input on this issue. *More on outputs once meeting has concluded.*

¹ Further information on all activities listed below is available on the PCFV website.

4.1.4 National-level activities in Sub-Saharan Africa

The Clearing-House received funds from the Dutch government specifically to finance national-level activities on leaded petrol phase out in Sub-Saharan Africa. Thus far MOUs have been signed with three countries, where national workshops were held: Benin, Burundi, and Tanzania. In progress are MOUs with Mozambique, The Gambia, Rwanda, Togo, Uganda, and Somalia. Activities under the MOUs range from national workshops to public awareness campaigns. More information is available on the PCFV website.

4.1.5 Kenya leaded petrol phase-out activities

The US EPA gave funds to the Clearing-House to support national-level activities in Kenya toward leaded petrol phase-out. Three main activities have been undertaken in this regard: training of petrol attendants across Kenya on unleaded petrol; and a media campaign to raise public awareness about unleaded petrol.

4.2 Asia and the Pacific

Activities in the Asia-Pacific region in 2004 were in their nascent stages. The Clearing-House has been in contact with the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific to assist with implementation of various activities, and funds were received in 2004 specifically for work in the region.

4.2.1 Vietnam National Workshop on clean fuels and vehicles

The main objective of the workshop (13-14 May) was to share experiences and information between Vietnam and other countries/regions (including Europe, the United States, and Asian countries such as Thailand and China) on the regulatory and technical aspects of cleaner fuels and vehicle emission standards. The PCFV was represented by a staff member from the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

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4.3 Central and Eastern Europe

Activities in Central and Eastern Europe were also in their nascent stages in 2004. Funds were received in 2004 for activities in the region, so more work is expected in 2005.

4.3.1 Rome meeting on clean fuels and vehicles in Central and Eastern Europe

This meeting was on Fuel Quality Issues in Europe: Implementation of the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles in Central and Eastern Europe (6 March). The meeting was jointly organised by the US EPA, IFQC, UNEP and the PCFV. The PCFV was represented at the meeting and a presentation was given. Emerging from this meeting was an initiative to work with the Regional Environment Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (REC), a new Partner to the PCFV. Deliberations are currently underway for the US

EPA, the PCFV and REC to formulate an MOU for clean fuels and vehicles activities in the region. This will be in concert with activities already planned in the region through VROM.

4.4 West Asia and North Africa

Activities in West Asia and North Africa were also in their nascent stages in 2004. Funds were received in 2004 for activities in the region, so more work is expected in 2005.

4.4.1 West Asia Workshop on clean fuels and vehicles

UN DESA and the UN Economic and Social Commission on Western Asia (ESCWA) – in cooperation with UNEP and the PCFV – organised this workshop to assess the current situation on lead and sulphur and determine needs and actions plans for the future (17-19 March). The PCFV was represented at the meeting and a presentation was given. Follow-up on this Workshop is expected in 2005.

4.4.2 UN-Habitat Symposium on Housing and Urban Development for the Iraqi Government

UNEP attended this symposium – held in Amman, Jordan (29-30 September) – and gave a presentation on “Urban Sustainability: Environment for Development”, which included elements on urban air quality, the impact of fuels and vehicles, and the PCFV and its activities. UNEP is active in Iraq, and it is expected that clean fuels and vehicles will become part of the activity roster, in support of the PCFV mission.

4.5 Latin America and the Caribbean

Activities in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2004 were in their nascent stages. Two workshops were held, and it is expected that there will be follow-up activities emerging from these workshops. Funds were received in 2004 for these activities.

4.5.1 Central America Workshop on reducing sulphur levels in fuels

This workshop was organised by the US EPA, in partnership with the Kulkulcan Foundation and the PCFV, in Guatemala to address high fuel sulphur levels in Central America (21-22 April).

4.5.2 Workshop in El Salvador on harmonisation of fuel standards

A workshop was convened in El Salvador to discuss harmonisation of fuel standards in the Central American region (2-3 November). This workshop was a follow-up to the April workshop held in Guatemala.

4.6 Global activities

4.6.1 12th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-12)

A presentation was given at CSD-12 on the PCFV and its activities over the preceding year (26 April). As one of the more active partnerships emerging from the WSSD, the PCFV has been featured at both CSD-11 and CSD-12 at the Partnership Fairs.

4.6.2 FIA Foundation Technical Working Group Meeting

A presentation was given at the FIA Foundation Technical Working Group meeting (11 June), held in Vienna, Austria, which was attended by Automobile Association representatives from around the world. A presentation on the PCFV was given at this meeting. Expected outcomes include activities to involve automobile clubs around the world in addressing environment issues. In particular, it is envisaged that the Automobile Associations of Latin America might meet on this issue in Costa Rica, and/or the Automobile Associations of SSA might meet in South Africa.