

Submission from Nigeria

I am writing as part of Nigeria's response to Decision XXXIV/4 asking for data on unwanted cooling appliances dumped in Africa that are energy inefficient and contain high-GWP ozone depleting substances and high-GWP HFCs that are made obsolete by phase out and phase down under the Montreal Protocol.

Please appreciate that we share the view of Ghana, submitted on behalf of all of Africa, that our citizens and businesses are harmed by cooling appliance dumping and we need the help of exporting Parties to halt this practice that wastes precious money, pollutes the air, damages health and crops, and forces climate change in an Earth already too hot and with too many storms caused by global warming.

At a recent workshop organised by the Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN) and UNEP it was reported that 1 million air conditioners are imported to Nigeria, with most substandard in ownership costs and technical and environmental performance.

UNEP expert Brian Holuj warned us of what we already know from experience that appliance eat deep into energy bills because they are substandard.

Jeph Ajobaju, Chief Copy Editor of Science of [TheNiche Newspaper](#) reported this:

“Technology and Innovation Minister Adeleke Mamora stressed at the National Stakeholders’ Consultative Workshop on Energy Efficient and Climate-Friendly Cooling in Nigeria that enforcement of laws should be intensified.”

[Another report](#) of the workshop noted that Minister Mamora, on behalf of the Federal Government, underscored why Article 5 African Parties want exporting and importing countries to be part of a shared solution to the dumping problem, declaring that “Nigeria must not be a dumping ground for air conditioners and refrigerators with energy efficiency ratios that are below internationally acceptable minimum energy performance standard[s].”

In the same report, the Minister also stressed to the Nigerian Customs Service, Standards Organization, and other agencies “that the influx of substandard cooling appliances posed danger to the climate conditions across the country.”

Based on the above, I wish to kindly request that the delay asking for analytical confirmation of what everyone knows to be true that cooling appliances with ODS and high-GWP HFC refrigerants are dumped in Nigeria, and in most other A5 Parties should be stopped. Please urge Parties to accept their shared responsibility and simply stop this dumping and take action to supply the superior cooling products that most non-A5 Parties insist on for the health and welfare of their own citizens.
