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ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING
GROUP OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL

Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

ITEM 12 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA:

1. The Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol noted that each Assessment Panel was to have three Co-chairmen, of which one should be from a developing country. For the Scientific Assessment Panel, following the nominations of the regional groups, the meeting decided that Dr. Piet Aucamp from South Africa, nominated by the African Group, should serve as Co-chairman of that Panel.

2. Dr. Piet Aucamp has been serving as Co-chairman of the Scientific Assessment Panel since 1992, with the financial support of South Africa. He participated in the last assessment process which produced the Scientific Assessment of Ozone Depletion: 1994 report. In 1995, Dr. Aucamp left the Department of Health of the Government of South Africa and took up a position as Director of Research Promotion at the University of Pretoria. He is now with a firm of consulting engineers. His new employer is willing to allow him to continue with his activities and involvement in the Scientific Assessment Panel. He has indicated that he needs funding of about US\$ 10,000 per year to attend the Panel Meetings and the Meetings of the Parties. The Government of South Africa has declared that, under the present circumstances, he cannot be financially supported and has requested UNEP or any other organization to bear his costs for attending the meetings.

3. Financial support for participation of experts for the Panels is provided to developing countries by the Parties. South Africa is classified as a non-Article 5 country. However, Dr. Aucamp has been selected by the African Group as a Co-chair. The Working Group may consider whether to recommend to Parties to consider him eligible for financial assistance.

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