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OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF THE PARTIES TO  
THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT  
DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

Seventeenth meeting  
Geneva, 7-9 July 1998

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) Organization of work.
3. Status of implementation of a licensing system (decision IX/8, paragraph 2).
4. Measures adopted by Parties to regulate import and export of products, equipment, components and technology, whose continuing functioning relies on supply of substances in Annex A or Annex B of the Protocol and by non-Article 5 Parties to control the export of used products and equipment whose continuing functioning relies on supply of substances listed in Annex A and Annex B of the Protocol (decision IX/9).
5. Metered-dose inhalers:
  - (a) Final report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on a transition to non-CFC treatments of asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in Parties not operating under Article 5 (decision IX/19, paragraph 2);
  - (b) Report of the Secretariat on information received from non-Article 5 Parties on initial

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national or regional transition strategy to non-CFC metered-dose inhalers (MDIs), taking into consideration the availability and price of treatments for asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in countries currently importing CFC MDIs (decision IX/19, paragraph 5).

6. Reports of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on:
  - (a) Nominations by the Parties for essential use exemptions for controlled substances;
  - (b) Any transfer of essential-use authorizations for CFCs for MDIs (decision IX/20, paragraph 1);
  - (c) The feasibility of early decommissioning in non-Article 5 Parties of all non-essential halon systems and the subsequent destruction or redeployment of halon stocks not required for those critical uses that have no identified substitutes or alternatives, bearing in mind the needs of Article 5 Parties for halon (decision IX/21);
  - (d) New substances with ozone-depleting potential (decision IX/24).
7. Note by the Secretariat on action by the World Customs Organization (WCO) regarding customs codes for ozone-depleting substances (ODS) (decision IX/22).
8. Status report on the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Non-Compliance established to review the non-compliance procedure (decision IX/35).
9. Matters arising out of the meetings of the Implementation Committee.
10. Other matters.
11. Adoption of the report.
12. Closure of the meeting.

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