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**Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to
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Twenty-ninth meeting
Geneva, 15–18 July 2009

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The twenty-ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer is scheduled to be opened at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 July 2009, at the Geneva International Conference Centre. Registration of participants will begin at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, 12 July, at the same location. While on-site registration will be provided, participants are encouraged to pre-register well in advance of the meeting through the Ozone Secretariat's website (<http://ozone.unep.org>) to expedite the registration process at the meeting venue.

2. Mr. Marco Gonzalez, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, will address representatives at the opening of the meeting.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/29/1) will be before the Working Group for adoption. Mr. Muhammad Maqsood Akhtar (Pakistan) and Mr. Martin Sirois (Canada) will co-chair the meeting.

(b) Organization of work

4. The Working Group may wish to conduct its work in plenary and draw up a specific timetable for the work on the agenda.

3. Matters relating to issues covered in the 2009 progress report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel

(a) Presentation of the 2009 progress report

5. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel will present its 2009 progress report, including its reports on essential-use nominations, campaign production of chlorofluorocarbons for essential uses, regional balances of halons, alternatives to hydrochlorofluorocarbons in special areas of the refrigeration sector, process agents and laboratory and analytical uses of ozone-depleting substances.

(b) Review of nominations for essential-use exemptions for 2010 and 2011

6. The Working Group will be expected to consider the essential-use exemption nominations received from Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 and Parties not so operating, along with the Panel's recommendations on these matters, and to make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties. The Working Group may also consider the Panel's proposed changes to the handbook on essential-use nominations.

(c) Report of the Secretariat of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on the status of agreements to convert metered-dose inhaler manufacturing facilities in Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 (decision XX/4)

7. The Working Group is expected to hear a report from the Secretariat of the Multilateral Fund on the status of agreements made by the Executive Committee to convert metered-dose inhaler manufacturing facilities in Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5. Further information is available in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/29/3.

(d) Campaign production of chlorofluorocarbons for metered-dose inhalers (decision XX/4)

8. The Working Group is expected to consider the component of the Panel's 2009 progress report regarding issues relating to campaign production of chlorofluorocarbons for metered-dose inhalers, and to make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties.

(e) Presentation on and review of nominations for critical-use exemptions for 2010 and 2011

9. The Working Group is expected hear a presentation from the Panel on its initial review of nominations for methyl bromide critical-use exemptions, and to discuss the preliminary report pending the preparation of a final report later in the year.

(f) Presentation of and discussion on the interim report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on quarantine and pre-shipment applications of methyl bromide (decision XX/6)

10. The Working Group is expected to hear a presentation from the Panel on its interim report on quarantine and pre-shipment applications and related emissions, and to engage in initial discussions on related issues pending a final report later in 2009.

(g) Scoping study addressing alternatives to hydrochlorofluorocarbons in the refrigeration and air-conditioning sectors in Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 with special conditions (decision XIX/8)

11. The Working Group is expected to initiate discussions on the scoping study to be undertaken by the Panel to assess alternatives to hydrochlorofluorocarbons in the refrigeration and air-conditioning sectors with specific reference to very high temperature climatic conditions and unique operating conditions, such as those in mines that are not open pit mines, in some Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5. The Working Group is expected to make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties.

(h) Updated study on projected regional imbalances in the availability of halon 1211, halon 1301 and halon 2402 and potential mechanisms for the improved prediction and mitigation of such imbalances in the future (decision XIX/16)

12. The Working Group is expected to discuss the Panel's updated report on projected regional imbalances in the availability of halons and potential mechanisms that might be used to predict and mitigate such imbalances in the future, and to make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties.

(i) Laboratory and analytical-use exemptions (decisions XVII/10 and XIX/18)

13. The Working Group is expected to discuss the components of the Panel's 2009 progress report covering alternatives to the use of methyl bromide and other ozone-depleting substances for laboratory and analytical uses, and to make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties.

(j) Review of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund on the progress made in reducing emissions from process-agent uses and consideration of the Panel's recommendations on process-agent use exemptions (paragraph 100 of the report of the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties);

14. The Working Group is expected to hear a report from the Executive Committee on progress made in reducing emissions of ozone-depleting substances used as process agents, and to consider the Panel's recommendations on process-agent use exemptions, on insignificant emissions associated with process-agent uses and on process-agent uses that could be added to or deleted from table A of decision X/14. The Working Group is expected to make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties. The report of the Executive Committee can be found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/29/4.

(k) Other issues arising out of the Panel's reports

15. The Working Group may consider and make recommendations to the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties on other issues that may necessitate a decision by the Parties, including those related to the potential selection of any new co-chairs for any of the Panel's technical options committees.

4. Environmentally sound management of banks of ozone-depleting substances (decision XX/7)

(a) Report of the co-chairs of the workshop

16. The co-chairs of the workshop called for in decision XX/7 are expected to present an overview report of its outcomes. Further information is available in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/29/5.

(b) Consideration of possible actions

17. Consistent with the mandate of decision XX/7, the Working Group is expected to consider possible actions regarding the management and destruction of banks of ozone-depleting substances in the light of the reports presented, and to make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties.

5. Presentation of and discussion on the summary report of the discussions that took place at the dialogue on high-global warming potential alternatives for ozone-depleting substances (decision XX/8)

18. The co-chairs of the dialogue on high-global warming potential alternatives for ozone-depleting substances are expected to present an overview report of its outcomes as an introduction to an initial discussion by the Working Group on related issues. The Working Group is expected to make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties.

6. Treatment of stockpiled ozone-depleting substances relative to compliance (decision XVIII/17)

19. The Working Group is expected to review a paper by the Secretariat on the operation to date of decision XVIII/17, which called for, among other things, the Secretariat to compile a record of cases in which a Party had reported any quantities in excess of its allowable level of production, but had noted that the additional quantity was the result of substances produced and stockpiled for either destruction in a future year, for use as a feedstock in a future year, or for export for basic domestic needs in a future year. The Working Group is expected to consider this matter and to make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties.

7. Proposed adjustments to the Montreal Protocol

20. The Ozone Secretariat received no proposals to adjust the Protocol by the deadline laid down in paragraph 9 of Article 2 of the Protocol. It is therefore expected that there will be no discussion under this agenda item.

8. Proposed amendments to the Montreal Protocol

21. The Working Group is expected to consider a proposal to amend the Protocol jointly submitted by the Federated States of Micronesia and Mauritius. Further information can be found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/29/8.

9. Other matters

22. The Working Group may wish to discuss other matters identified and agreed for consideration at the time that the agenda is adopted.

10. Adoption of the report

23. The draft report of the twenty-ninth meeting of the Working Group will be presented for adoption.

11. Closure of the meeting

24. The twenty-ninth meeting of the Working Group is scheduled to close on Saturday, 18 July.
