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**Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to  
the Montreal Protocol on Substances that  
Deplete the Ozone Layer  
Thirty-first meeting**  
Montreal, 1–5 August 2011

## **Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

1. The thirty-first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol is scheduled to be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 1 August 2011, at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal. Registration of participants will begin at 8 a.m. on Sunday, 31 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 ([www.unep.ch/ozone](http://www.unep.ch/ozone) or <http://ozone.unep.org>).

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

### **2. Organizational matters**

#### **(a) Adoption of the agenda**

3. The provisional agenda will be before the Working Group for adoption. Mr. Ndiaye Cheikh Sylla (Senegal) and Ms. Gudi Alkemade (Netherlands) will co-chair the meeting.

#### **(b) Organization of work**

4. The Working Group may wish to conduct its work in plenary session and to draw up a timetable for dealing with the items on the agenda. The co-chairs will propose options for organizing the work of the meeting, which the Working Group may wish to consider.

### **3. Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel's task force on the 2012–2014 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol**

5. The Working Group is expected to hear a presentation on the report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel's replenishment task force and to begin discussions on the next replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol.

### **4. Proposed adjustments to the Montreal Protocol**

6. The Working Group is expected to consider any proposals for adjustments to the Protocol submitted pursuant to paragraph 9 of Article 2 of the Protocol. The parties may decide that some components of the proposed amendments to the Protocol are in the nature of adjustments.

## **5. Proposed amendments to the Montreal Protocol**

7. On 7 May 2011 the Ozone Secretariat received a proposal to amend the Protocol from the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia. On 9 May 2011 it also received a proposal to amend the Protocol from the Governments of Canada, Mexico and the United States of America. The proposals, which were submitted pursuant to Article 9 of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and paragraph 10 of Article 2 of the Protocol, may be found in documents UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/31/4 and UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/31/5, respectively. The Working Group is expected to consider these proposals.

## **6. 2011 progress report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel**

8. The Panel will present its 2011 progress report, including its reports on requests for essential-use and critical-use exemptions, alternatives to ozone-depleting substances in exempted feedstock and process-agent uses, laboratory and analytical uses of ozone-depleting substances, and its response to decision XXII/22.

## **7. Issues related to exemptions from Article 2 of the Montreal Protocol**

### **(a) Nominations for essential-use exemptions for 2012 and 2013**

9. The Working Group is expected to consider requests by parties for essential-use exemptions for 2012 and 2013 and the initial recommendations of the Panel in respect of those requests.

### **(b) Nominations for critical-use exemptions for 2012 and 2013**

10. The Working Group will hear a presentation on and discuss the Panel's initial review of requests by parties for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2012 and 2013.

### **(c) Quarantine and pre-shipment issues**

11. The Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties, in 2010, considered a draft proposal on quarantine and pre-shipment uses of methyl bromide, but was unable to reach a conclusion. The Working Group may wish to consider related issues and forward its recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-Third Meeting of the Parties.

### **(d) Laboratory and analytical uses of ozone-depleting substances (decisions XXI/6 and XXII/7)**

12. The Working Group is expected to discuss the Panel's findings and recommendations on issues relating to alternatives to the use of ozone-depleting substances for laboratory and analytical uses and the possible continuing needs of parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol, taking into account, among other things, any reports of parties on alternatives to such uses submitted to the Secretariat pursuant to decision XXII/7.

### **(e) Joint report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund on progress in phasing out ozone-depleting substances used as process agents (decision XXI/3)**

13. The Working Group is expected to consider a joint report from the Panel and the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund on ozone-depleting substances used as process agents, and to recommend any actions deemed appropriate for consideration by the Twenty-Third Meeting of the Parties.

### **(f) Investigation by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel into alternatives to ozone-depleting substances in exempted feedstock and process-agent uses and assessment of the feasibility of reducing or eliminating such uses and related emissions (decision XXI/8)**

14. The Working Group is expected to consider the Panel's report on the above matters and to recommend any actions deemed appropriate for consideration by the Twenty-Third Meeting of the Parties.

## **8. Environmentally sound management of banks of ozone-depleting substances (decision XXI/2, paragraph 7, and decision XXII/10)**

15. The Working Group is expected to consider outstanding issues concerning the destruction of ozone-depleting substances, in addition to the Panel's reports on related issues. The Panel's reports are expected to include a response to decision XXII/10, including a review of issues associated with the list of approved destruction technologies and related destruction removal efficiencies and criteria that could be used to verify the destruction of ozone-depleting substances at facilities that use approved destruction technologies.

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**9. Synthesis report of the 2010 assessments of the Montreal Protocol assessment panels**

16. The Working Group will hear a presentation by and discuss with the assessment panels of the Montreal Protocol the synthesis report stemming from their 2010 assessments (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/31/3).

**10. Potential areas of focus for the assessment panels' 2014 quadrennial reports**

17. The Working Group is expected to discuss items that might be included in a draft decision outlining issues that the parties might like to see considered in the assessment panels' 2014 quadrennial assessment.

**11. Status of Nepal relative to the Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal Protocol**

18. The Working Group is expected to discuss the request of Nepal to be considered in full compliance with the control provisions of the Copenhagen Amendment to the Protocol, pursuant to paragraphs 8 and 9 of Article 4 of the Protocol.

**12. Other matters**

19. The Working Group may wish to discuss other matters that are raised by parties at the time that the agenda is adopted.

**13. Adoption of the report**

20. The draft report of the thirty-first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group will be presented for adoption.

**14. Closure of the meeting**

21. The thirty-first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group is scheduled to close on Friday, 5 August 2011.

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