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BUREAU OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
VIENNA CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION
OF THE OZONE LAYER

First meeting
Geneva, 12-13 March 1993

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS ADOPTED BY
THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO
THE VIENNA CONVENTION

Note by the Secretariat

1. The present note summarizes the status of implementation of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer at its second meeting, held in Nairobi from 17 to 19 June 1991. The text of those decisions is contained in paragraph 33 of the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Conv.2/7).

Decision II/1 (Amendments to the rules of procedure)

The amended rules of procedure have been issued.

Decision II/2 (Information exchange under Annex II to the Vienna Convention)

Letters have been sent in October 1992 to those Parties which are not Parties to the Montreal Protocol to request for the submission of data. There has been no response so far.

(b) To request the Montreal Protocol Parties to ask the Assessment Panels to identify and report on what information on substances listed in Annex I of the Convention, can be made available from other sources, and what can and should be supplied separately by the Parties; and to ask the Secretariat, in the light of this information, to develop with the chairs of the Assessment Panels in an appropriate provisional reporting format;

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Action taken: A separate note on the implementation of paragraph (b) of decision II/2 will be placed before the Bureau.

(c) To note the recommendation of the meeting of the Ozone Research Managers that the HFCs should be added to the list of substances in Annex I of the Vienna Convention;

Action taken: No action due.

(d) To note that some countries had already submitted information for exchange in accordance with the objectives of Annex II of the Convention, and to invite all Parties to submit any information relevant to the objectives of this Annex;

Action taken: Information for exchange in accordance with annex II of the Convention had earlier been submitted by Guatemala, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda and Uruguay. In October 1992, the secretariat sent letters to those Parties that had not yet submitted data. Liechtenstein and Spain have communicated the following information:

Decision II/3 (Amendment procedure under the Vienna Convention)

The Ad Hoc Working Group on Non-Compliance with the Montreal Protocol has considered the note of the Secretariat on procedures for expediting the amendment procedure under Article 9 of the Vienna Convention in November 1991 and concluded that the present procedures need no amendment (UNEP/OzL.Pro/WG.3/3/3).

Decision II/4 (Recommendations of the Ozone Research Managers)

The report of the first meeting of the Ozone Research Managers has been communicated to all Governments for further action.

Decision II/5 (Review of scientific information)

The various aspects of ozone layer depletion have been reviewed by the Assessment Assessment Panels in 1991, and their reports were published in November/December 1991. In June 1992, the Scientific Assessment Panel and Technology and Economic Panels conducted international workshops to assess the impact of methyl bromide on ozone layer, and the technical options for replacing methyl bromide as well as the economic implications. The conclusions by these Panels were taken into account by the Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the

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Montreal Protocol on 23-25 November 1992 at Copenhagen, in arriving at their decisions.

Decision II/6 (Adjustments and Amendment to the Montreal Protocol)

As on 31 December 1992, 103 States and the European Economic Community plus EEC had ratified the Vienna Convention, 98 States plus EEC had ratified the Montreal Protocol, and 41 States and EEC had ratified the London Amendment to the Protocol, which entered into force on 10 August 1992.

Decision II/7 (Implementation of Decision 5 of the first meeting)

Additional information on decision 5 adopted at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties that has been received since the last meeting of the Ozone Research Managers Meeting in March 1991 is summarized in the annex to the present note. Information from Guatemala, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda and Uruguay was summarized in documents WMO/UNEP/OzL.Conv.Res.Managers, Information Paper 2 and UNEP/OzL.Conv.ResMgr/1.

Decision II/8 (Meetings of the Conference of the Parties)

Decision II/8 has been noted by the Secretariat for future action.

Decision II/9 (Expansion of the Global Ozone Observing System network)

The letters have been sent in October 1992 to relevant Parties to solicit necessary actions from the Parties regarding Decisions II/9 (b) and (c). With respect to Decision II/9(b) the information furnished by three Parties is summarized below:

As regards Decision II/9(b), only the European Community (EC) has responded by expressing interest in contributing to the WMO Special Fund once the modalities for operating the Fund has been finalized.

Decision II/10 (Budgets and financial matters)

- (i) To adopt the final budget for 1992 of \$ 351,430 and for 1993 of \$877,44, as set out in Annex I.

The up to date status of the Fund and the Accounts will be placed before the meeting of the Bureau.

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Decision II/11 (Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties)

The Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention will be held in November 1993.

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