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PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER

Second meeting
Bangkok, 22 November 1993

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER ON THE
WORK OF ITS SECOND MEETING

INTRODUCTION

1. The Bureau of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer held its second meeting at the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, on 22 November 1993.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

2. The meeting was opened by Mr. Jean Baptiste Kambou (Burkina Faso), President of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer at its second meeting, at 5.45 p.m. on Monday, 22 November 1993.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The Bureau adopted the following agenda as contained in document UNEP/OzL. Conv.2/Bur.2/1:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Substantive matters: review of the documentation for the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.
6. Closure of the meeting.

4. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau:

President: Mr. Jean Baptiste Kambou (Burkina Faso)
Vice-Presidents: Mr. Janaka Ratnasiri (Sri Lanka)
Mr. Alexandre Averchenkov (Russian Federation)
Mr. German Garcia-Duran (Colombia)
Rapporteur: Mr. John Whitelaw (Australia)

III. SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS: REVIEW OF THE DOCUMENTATION
FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE
PARTIES TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER

5. The Secretariat drew the attention of the Bureau to the documentation that had been prepared for the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and, in particular, the report of the Executive Director (UNEP/OzL.Conv.3/2) and the draft decisions submitted for the consideration of the Conference (UNEP/OzL.Conv.3/L.1/Add.1). With regard to the note by the Secretariat on the rules of procedure concerning the credentials of representatives (UNEP/OzL.Conv.3/5), the Secretariat informed the Bureau that, following consultations with the United Nations Legal Counsel, it had been decided to recommend that there should be no amendment to the rules of procedure concerning the credentials of representatives.

6. The President said that the Preparatory Meeting had considered all the documents, which had met its expectations. The only pending matter was the budget, the final figures for which would be available to delegations the following day.

7. One Vice-President said that there was a certain amount of redundancy and ambiguity in the revised wording of paragraph 3 of draft decision III/5, which had been approved by the Preparatory Meeting. He wondered whether the language could be made clearer before it was submitted to the Conference.

8. In response, the Secretariat said that the approved text was a compromise solution aimed at filling the gaps in the global ozone monitoring system without putting the full burden for funding on GEF.

9. The President reiterated that the text in question was a compromise aimed at preserving the spirit of the recommendation of the Ozone Research Managers, while accommodating the various views on the subject.

10. The Bureau expressed its gratitude to the Secretariat for the documentation and arrangements for the meeting of the Conference.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

11. The Rapporteur said that it was noticeable that the agenda for the forthcoming Conference of the Parties was shorter than for previous meetings. He suggested that the incoming Bureau should examine the possibility of shorter meetings of the Conference.

12. One Vice-President supported the proposal of the Rapporteur, saying that both the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol had developed and it was possible to have less frequent and simpler meetings. The same applied to meetings of the Bureau.

13. One Vice-President, speaking with reference to the scale of contributions to the Vienna Convention Trust Fund, said that given the long time between meetings of the Conference of the Parties the scale of contributions might change. He asked whether it was possible to have some mechanism by which the budget could be modified every two years.

14. In response, the Secretariat said that, since it was expected that the meetings of the Conference of the Parties would be held only every three years, it was not possible to have a budget for a shorter length of time.

15. In response to a question from the Rapporteur, the Secretariat said that contributions from new Parties joining after the budgets were approved were prorated for their year of joining.

16. One Vice-President asked about the situation regarding contributions to the Vienna Convention Trust Fund, without which the developing countries party to the Vienna Convention, could not make progress. Referring to the Agenda 21 pledges by the developed countries to assist in monitoring, he asked whether the problem regarding additional monitoring stations had been overcome.

17. In response, the Secretariat said that the position of the Trust Fund and of the Multilateral Fund was satisfactory. The only problem was that the funds of the Multilateral Fund were not getting disbursed by the implementing agencies as fast as they were deposited. With regard to the funding of monitoring stations, it said that there was no particular commitment on ozone in Agenda 21.

V. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

18. The present report was prepared on the basis of a provisional text that was circulated to all members of the Bureau after the meeting and finalized by incorporating their comments and amendments.

VI. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

19. After the customary exchange of courtesies, the President declared the meeting closed, at 6 p.m. on 22 November 1993.
