The Commission of the European Communities would like to recall that the European Community has taken measures for the protection of the ozone layer for some time now. As a result of the application of the two Council Decisions 80/372/EEC and 32/755/EEC the European Community has taken a number of actions in this area, among which is the reduction of the use of CFCs 11 and 12 in aerosols by 30 per cent by the end of 1981 and a cap on the production capacity of these two chemicals.

More recently the Council of the European Community endorsed a Communication of the Commission, which after reviewing the current scientific and economic situation in this area, and notably the 1993 assessment of the CCEI, concluded that:

"The current scientific and economic information indicates that no change in the policy of precautionary measures that the Community has pursued so far is needed."

Regarding the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Group in October, the Commission believes that priority in the discussions should be given to the speedy conclusion of a text for the main body of the convention and the first two annexes already proposed, which are closely connected to relevant articles of the convention.