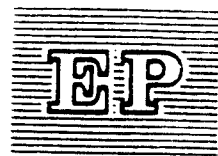




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FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER

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NOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ON THE COST OF PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
IN MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE VIENNA CONVENTION

I. Introduction

1. This note addresses the question of the cost of the participation of representatives of developing countries in meetings held under the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol. The matter will be discussed under item 6 of the agenda for the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention.

2. The protection of the ozone layer can be achieved only through co-operation between developing and developed countries. The need for such co-operation was recognized in article 4, paragraph 2, of the Convention:

"The Parties shall co-operate, consistent with their national laws, regulations and practices and **taking into account in particular the needs of developing countries**, directly or through competent international bodies, the development and transfer of technology and knowledge."

The importance of the participation of developing countries in implementing the Montreal Protocol was recognized in the first two paragraphs of article 10 of the Protocol:

"1. The Parties shall, in the context of the provisions of Article 4 of the Convention, and taking into account in particular the needs of developing countries, co-operate in promoting the technical assistance to **facilitate participation in** and implementation of this protocol

2. Any Party or signatory to this Protocol may submit a request to the secretariat for technical assistance for the purpose of implementing or **participating in** this Protocol."

(emphasis added).

3. In 1991, the cost of the participation of representatives of developing countries in meetings convened under the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol was met from the following sources:

1.	The Montreal Protocol Trust Fund:	171,000
2.	The Vienna Convention Trust Fund:	71,000
3.	The Finnish Ozone Trust Fund:	480,000
4.	Counterpart Contributions:	100,000
TOTAL COST OF PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN 1991:		<u>820,000</u>

4. In the proposed biennial budget for 1992-1993, the cost of participation of representatives of developing countries has been estimated as follows:

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1992:	Third meeting of the Parties	30	4,500	135,000
	Preparatory meetings	30	4,500	135,000
	Working Group meetings	3x15	4,500	202,500
	Bureau meetings	3x2	4,500	27,000
	Assessment Panels	(estimate)		100,000
	Committee meetings	(estimate)		40,000
	TOTAL (1992):			<u>639,500</u>
1993:	Third Meeting of the Parties	30	5,000	150,000
	Preparatory meetings	30	5,000	150,000
	Working Group meetings	3x15	5,000	225,000
	Bureau meetings	3x2	5,000	30,000
	Assessment panels	(estimate)		0
	Committee meetings	(estimate)		50,000
	TOTAL (1993):			<u>605,000</u>

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1992:	Bureau meetings	2	4,500	9,000
	TOTAL (1992):			<u>9,000</u>
1993:	Third Meeting of Parties	30	5,000	150,000
	Preparatory meeting	30	5,000	150,000
	Bureau meetings	2x2	5,000	20,000
	Science Research meetings	15	5,000	75,000
	TOTAL (1993):			<u>395,000</u>

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR 1992 AND 1993:

1,648,500

5. The First Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, Geneva, 18/19 March 1991, noted that assistance was required by the developing countries in connection with their participation in the meetings:

"29. ...In order to assure broad participation of developing countries in the meetings of the Parties to the Convention, a provision for travel and per diem for at least one person per developing Party to the Convention needs to be made (see Annex III)."

6. The First Meeting of the Bureau of the Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held at Nairobi on 14 March 1991, discussed the need to secure funds to ensure the full participation of representatives of developing countries at meetings convened under the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol. After discussing several options, the meeting decided on the following course of action:

"(a) That the Executive Director address a letter to all contributing Parties informing them of the difficult financial situation which prevents the implementation of the approved activities under the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol which include the cost of participation of developing countries. The letter should emphasize that contributions must be made expeditiously to the Trust Fund;"

(b) That the Executive Director would give priority to the following three areas in the disbursement of the existing and forthcoming resources in the Trust Fund:

(i) The expenses of the Secretariat;

(ii) The funding of participants from developing countries to the forthcoming (June 1991) Meetings of the Parties; and

(iii) Activities of the assessment panels including the participation of developing countries' experts.

(c) The Bureau requested the Executive Director to consider favourably advancing money from the Environment Fund (fund programme reserve) to cover any deficiencies in meeting the above three priority activities with a clear understanding that this advance shall be reimbursed to the Environment Fund as soon as resources become available in the Trust Fund.

7. These steps will assure that funds are available to meet the immediate costs of the participation of representatives of developing countries. However, the Montreal Protocol and Vienna Convention Trust Funds are inadequate to assure the full participation of representatives of developing countries in the coming years. It is not feasible to continue meeting the costs of the participation of developing countries with money from the Environment Fund Reserve. The Parties may thus wish to consider ways and means of meeting the cost of such participation.
