

**Twentieth Meeting of the Parties to the
Montreal Protocol on Substances
that Deplete the Ozone Layer**
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Other matters

Draft decision on difficulties faced by Iraq as a new Party submitted by Iraq

Note by the Secretariat

The annex to the present note sets out a draft decision on difficulties faced by Iraq as a new Party submitted by Iraq. The text of the draft decision is being circulated as submitted and has not been formally edited.

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Annex

Draft decision on difficulties faced by Iraq as new Party

Noting with appreciation Iraq's joining the international community in its efforts to preserve the Ozone Layer, which came into effect with the recent accession of Iraq as a Party to the Vienna Convention, the Montreal Protocol and all its amendments

Recognizing the security situation and the political, economic and social difficulties faced by Iraq over the last two decades

Understanding Iraq's commitments for phasing out ODSs under the Montreal Protocol and its amendments within a limited timeframe

1. To urge all parties to assist Iraq, as a new party, in controlling the export of ODS and ODS based technologies into Iraq through the control of trade as per the provisions of the Montreal Protocol and relevant decisions of the Meeting of the Parties

2. To request the Executive Committee when considering project proposals for Iraq to phase out ODS, to take into account the special situation of the Party, which might necessitate phase out of ODS in annexes A and B beyond 2010 and flexibility in considering the project proposals, without prejudice to the possible review of the non-compliance situation of Iraq by the Parties

3. To request implementing agencies to provide all possible assistance to Iraq in developing its country program and national phase out plans and in continuing its efforts to report to the Secretariat, as soon as possible, data on consumption of ODS in accordance with the Montreal Protocol requirements.
