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Item 4 of the provisional agenda\*

NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. In accordance with decisions 5 (a), 5 (b) and 6 of the first meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol held in Helsinki from 2 to 5 May 1989, the second session of the first meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol was held in Nairobi from 28 August to 5 September 1989 to integrate the four reports of the assessment panels into one synthesis report and to make recommendations on adjustments and amendments to the Montreal Protocol.

2. At that session, the Working Group considered the first draft of the synthesis report, which was prepared by the Chairmen of the assessment Panels at the request of the Executive Director. After detailed discussions, the Drafting Committee established by the Working Group prepared a second draft, incorporating the changes proposed by the experts attending the meeting. The Working Group adopted the second draft ad referendum and this is attached as Annex II to the final report of the meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.I(2)/4).

3. In the opening statement to that session of the Working Group the Executive Director made recommendations on adjustments and amendments to Articles 2, 3, 4 and 7 of the Protocol. Additionally, the experts who attended the meeting put forward various specific proposals for adjustments and amendments to the Protocol. All of these proposals are reflected in the report of the Legal Drafting Group established at the meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.I(2)/4, annex III), which includes recommendations on Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, and 19, preambular paragraphs, and Annex A.

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\* UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.II(1)/1.

4. The above-mentioned final report of the Working Group was reviewed by the Bureau of the Montreal Protocol at its first meeting, held in Geneva from 27 to 29 September 1989. The Executive Director wishes to draw the attention of the Working Group to the following recommendations of the Bureau regarding adjustments and amendments to Article 2 of the Protocol, as contained in paragraph 11 of the report on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.Bur.1/2):

"11. The Bureau also reviewed the various proposals put forward during the Working Group meeting for the phaseout of ozone depleting substances. It was concerned to ensure the most rapid phaseout which is technically feasible. For this reason, the Bureau felt that the régime should include two interim levels during the phaseout period. It recommended that in view of the results reached by the Assessment Panels the following phaseout régime could be considered by the Working Group:

"1. CFCs

"Fifty per cent reduction in production and consumption by 1 January 1994 or 1 January 1995

"Eighty five per cent reduction in production and consumption by 1 January 1998

"Phaseout of production and consumption by 1 January 2000

"2. Other Fully Halogenated Compounds

"Fifty five per cent reduction in production and consumption by 1 January 1994 or 1 January 1995

"Eighty five per cent reduction in production and consumption by 1 January 1998

"Phaseout of production and consumption by 1 January 2000

3. Methylchloroform and Carbon Tetrachloride

"Fifty five per cent reduction in production and consumption by 1 January 1992 or 1 January 1993

"Eighty five per cent reduction in production and consumption by 1 January 1998

"Phaseout of production and consumption by 1 January 2000

"4. Other ozone Depleting Substances with an ODP Greater than .01

"Should be controlled so as to only allow their use in critical products and consumption areas as decided by the Parties.

"5. Halons

"The Bureau suggested that the secretariat expedite the collation of information from contracting parties on their essential needs for halons to be able to present to the Working Group at its session in November 1989 a basis for recommending target dates for the phaseout of the production and use of halons."

5. At this session, the Open-Ended Working Group will further consider the draft synthesis report and recommendations on adjustments and amendments to the Montreal Protocol.

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