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**The Bureau of the Fifteenth Meeting of the  
Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances  
that Deplete the Ozone Layer**

Second meeting  
Geneva, 12 July 2004  
Agenda item 6

**Adoption of the report**

Report of the second meeting of the Bureau of  
the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties to the  
Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete  
the Ozone Layer

**Introduction**

1. The Bureau of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer met at the Geneva International Conference Centre on 12 July 2004.

**I. Opening of the meeting**

2. The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m. on Monday, 12 July 2004 by the President, Mr. Jiří Hlaváček.

3. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau, who had been elected to their posts by the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties, held in Nairobi from 11 to 14 November 2003, or nominated by their Governments in accordance with rule 24 of the rules of procedure:

Mr. Jiří Hlaváček (Czech Republic)  
Mr. Juan Tomas Filpo (Dominican Republic)  
Mr. Oladapo Afolabi (Nigeria)  
Mr. Gabriel Luluaki (Papua New Guinea)  
Mr. Robert Ford (United States of America)

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4. A full list of participants is given in the annex to the present report.

## II. Adoption of the agenda

5. The provisional agenda given in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.15/Bur.2/1 was adopted:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Update on the actions taken on the decisions of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Nairobi from 11 to 14 November 2003, and the first Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Montreal from 24 to 26 March 2004.
4. Review of the working documents prepared for the twenty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, to be held in Geneva from 13 to 16 July 2004.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report.
7. Closure of the meeting.

## III. Update on the actions taken on the decisions of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Nairobi from 11 to 14 November 2003, and the first Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Montreal from 24 to 26 March 2004

6. Attention was drawn to the note by the Secretariat UNEP/OzL.Pro.15/Bur.2/2, which summarized the actions taken on decisions XV/1-XV/57 of the Parties at their Fifteenth Meeting and on decisions Ex.I/1-Ex.I/5 of the Parties at their first Extraordinary Meeting.

7. Mr. Michael Graber (Deputy Executive Secretary, Ozone Secretariat) gave a further oral report on the actions taken. With regard to decision XV/1, he noted that all the numbers of ratifying Parties should be augmented by one, since Afghanistan had subsequently ratified the ozone treaties and all the amendments. With regard to decision XV/10, on destruction of foams at the end of their life, he reported that the amount of CFCs included in foams that would have ultimately to be destroyed had been estimated at 1.25 million tonnes, more than the whole amount phased out since the beginning of the ozone treaties in 1987. With regard to decision XV/15, on earlier reporting of consumption and production data, he noted that the results had been very encouraging, with 96 reports received by the requested date of 30 June 2004, a level of reporting that in previous years had not been reached until about October.

8. With regard to decisions XV/16-XV/45, on non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol, the representative of the Multilateral Fund

Secretariat reported that the Executive Committee was taking the issue very seriously. In line with decisions taken at its forty-first and forty-second meetings, it gave priority to projects in countries that were in non-compliance or in danger of becoming so, urging the implementing agencies to enhance their activities in such countries. The Executive Committee had also requested the Multilateral Fund Secretariat to report to every Executive Committee meeting on the status of those countries that were in danger of becoming non-compliant.

9. Mr. Afolabi (Nigeria) commended the Executive Committee on its proactive attitude to issues of non-compliance and suggested that a mechanism might be created to seek out activities that, while they might not be making a country non-compliant at present, had the potential to do so in the future, notably in the developing countries and in Africa in particular.

10. With regard to decision XV/48, on the report of the Executive Committee, as it related to the appointment of the Chief Officer, the representative of the Multilateral Fund Secretariat reported that the matter had been discussed at the forty-second and forty-third meetings of the Executive Committee. The Chair of the Executive Committee had reported at the latter meeting on her discussions with the head of the Office of Human Resources Management at United Nations Headquarters, and with the Executive Director of UNEP, and intended to report thereon also to the Open-ended Working Group.

11. The Bureau took note of the information contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.15/Bur.2/2 and of the further information provided orally by Mr. Graber.

#### IV. Overview of the working documents prepared for the twenty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, to be held in Geneva from 13 to 16 July 2004

12. Mr. Graber also introduced the note by the Secretariat UNEP/OzL.Pro.15/Bur.2/3, which listed the documents prepared by the Secretariat for the twenty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group. He explained that, as soon as a document was available in English, it was posted on the Ozone Secretariat's web site, and was then translated and distributed as appropriate. He noted that, in addition to the three information documents referred to in paragraphs 1(h)-1(j) of document UNEP/OzL.Pro.15/Bur.2/3, a fourth had been prepared, UNEP/OzL.WG.1/24/INF/4, entitled "Decision XIV/11: The relationship between the Montreal Protocol and the World Trade Organization."

13. Mr. Ford (United States of America) asked whether the issue of the relationship between the Montreal Protocol and the World Trade Organization would be discussed at the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.

14. Mr. Graber replied that the topic was not on the agenda, but that Parties would be at liberty to raise it under other matters.

15. Mr. Juan Tomás Filpo (Dominican Republic) said that, at the current stage of the work of the Montreal Protocol, close cooperation between the Protocol and the World Trade Organization could be highly beneficial as a way of controlling illegal trade in ozone-depleting substances. While the control of such trade was basically the responsibility of customs services, often national customs officers

lacked the necessary knowledge, and input from the World Trade Organization (WTO) could be of considerable value.

16. The President suggested that customs officials might be included in national delegations to the Meeting of the Parties or the Open-ended Working Group and might also be actively involved in activities already initiated and exercised in cooperation with the Multilateral Fund, the Division of Technology, Industry, and Economics of the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Customs Organization.

17. The representative of the Multilateral Fund Secretariat noted that the Executive Committee had approved funding for a number of specific activities to raise awareness of ozone-depleting substances among customs officers, and every refrigerant management plan contained a component for the training of customs officers.

18. The Bureau took note of the information contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.15/Bur.2/3 and of the further information provided by Mr. Graber.

## V. Other matters

### **Preparations for the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties, to be held in Prague from 22 to 26 November 2004**

19. The President gave an overview of the preparations for the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties, to be held in Prague from 22 to 26 November 2004. The host agreement had been signed by the Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic and the Executive Director of UNEP on 5 February 2004. It was expected that the meeting would be opened by the President of the Czech Republic, the Minister of the Environment, and the Mayor of Prague.

20. The meeting would be held in the Hilton hotel, and negotiations on prices had been concluded with the Hilton and with other hotels. Discussions about security were under way with the Ministry of the Interior and the police, and with the Ministry of Health about provisions for medical care. Brochures about Prague logistics and travel were ready and would be distributed at the end of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, when the delegation of the Czech Republic would inform the Parties about the modalities of the sixteenth Meeting of the Parties. All information was also available at the web site [www.16mop.cz](http://www.16mop.cz), that had been in operation since 9 July 2004.

## VI. Adoption of the report

21. The President announced that the report would be drafted by the Secretariat and circulated to the participants for their approval within the next few days.

## VII. Closure of the meeting

22. The President closed the meeting at 11.45 a.m.

## Annex

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