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BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE
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FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER

Second meeting
Nairobi, 17 June 1991

REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention was held in Nairobi on 17 June 1991.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. *Opening of the meeting*

2. In the absence of the President, Mr. Kaj Barlund, former Minister of the Environment, Finland, the meeting was opened by the Acting President, Professor Vladimir Zakharov (USSR), who welcomed the participants.

3. The Executive Director introduced the new Vice-President, Mr. Naohiro Kumagai (Japan) who replaced Mr. Nobutoshi Akao. He noted that Vice-President Mrs. Imeria de Odreman (Venezuela) was unable to attend.

4. The observer from Finland explained that, as Mr. Barlund was no longer Minister of the Environment, he was unable to attend, but sent his good wishes for the continued work of the Bureau and the Parties, which Finland would continue to support. As his term of office was almost at an end, it had not been thought necessary to make a formal proposal to replace him. The proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Parties to the Vienna Convention to be considered by the Parties would facilitate such procedures in the future.

B. *Attendance*

5. The meeting was attended by:

Acting President: Prof. Vladimir Zakharov (USSR)

Vice-President: Ambassador Naohiro Kumagai (Japan)

Rapporteur: Ambassador Raphael Muli Kiilu (Kenya)

Executive Director of UNEP: Dr. Mostafa K. Tolba
Co-ordinator, the Ozone Secretariat: Mr. K.M. Sarma

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C. *Adoption of the agenda*

The following agenda was adopted:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the report of the First Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention.
3. Status of implementation of decisions of the First Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention.
4. Report of the Preparatory Meeting for the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention.
5. Draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.
6. Other matters.
7. Closure of the meeting.

III. SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS

A. *Adoption of the Report of the First Meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention*

7. In discussing the draft report of the First Meeting of the Bureau, the President stressed that, at that Meeting, the Bureau had discussed the desirability of the participation of developing countries in meetings of the Parties only in qualitative terms. No specific financial implications have been pointed out by the Secretariat. Further, it had not discussed the fact that 10 per cent of the 1990 budget remained unspent or that this might be carried over to 1991. There had been no discussion of the figures for the 1991 budget, as presented to the Preparatory Meeting. Further, the draft report of the First Meeting of the Bureau, which he had received in English only shortly before leaving for Nairobi, included as Annex III a list of additional funding requirements for 1992-1993 which had not been available to the Bureau at that meeting. The budget discussion during the Preparatory Meeting had resulted in considerable criticism regarding the proposal to increase the 1991 budget over and above the amount approved at the First Meeting of the Parties. He suggested that the Bureau would need to clarify the situation further at the Meeting of the Parties. Two other participants supported this view, one of whom also noted a discrepancy in the cost of new GO₃OS status as shown in Annex III compared to that given by WMO.

8. The Executive Director pointed out that the Bureau had requested the Secretariat to prepare a revised budget for 1991 on the basis, *inter alia*, of its wish to increase support for the participation of developing countries (Decision 6). The figures in the revised budget were worked out by the Secretariat which would provide any clarification needed by the Conference of the Parties. The Bureau had no responsibility, nor mandate, for the preparation of the revised budget. Since 1990 was the first year of the 1990-1991 biennium, any unspent balance would be automatically carried over to 1991. The President of the Preparatory Meeting would be invited to present the Report to the Meeting of the Parties, and the Assistant Executive Director and the Chief of Conference Services of UNEP would be available during the discussion of budget issues to give any explanations required. He proposed

that Annex III of the draft Report of the First Meeting of the Bureau should contain an explanatory note indicating that the figures given were preliminary estimates prepared by the Secretariat. As the executing agency, WMO would

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clarify the question of the costs of new GO₃OS stations.

9. The Bureau adopted the report of its First Meeting, with the amendment proposed by the Executive Director.

*B. Status of implementation of decisions of the First Meeting
of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to
the Vienna Convention*

10. The Secretariat presented the status of implementation of decisions of the First Meeting of the Bureau. The Bureau noted that decisions 1, 2, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 had been referred to the Parties and that appropriate action had been taken by the Secretariat in respect of decisions 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 14.

*C. Report of the Preparatory Meeting for the Second Meeting of the
Parties to the Vienna Convention and Draft Decisions
for Consideration by the Conference of the Parties*

11. In reviewing the Report of the Preparatory Meeting for the Second Meeting of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, the Bureau noted the various decisions recommended for adoption by the Parties. The Executive Director pointed out that although the Preparatory Meeting had recognized the importance of expanding the GO₃OS network, it had not taken up the suggestion made by the Bureau in Decision 2, but had suggested that Parties be requested to provide the necessary financing through bilateral and multilateral contribution (draft Decision II/9). The Executive Director said that the Preparatory Meeting had not recommended a decision on budgetary issues since, as he had indicated earlier, a sub-group was still examining the matter and would present its proposals directly to the Parties.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

12. There were no other matters.

V. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

13. There being no other business, the Acting President declared the Meeting closed.
