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Introduction

1. The Bureau of the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer met at the United Nations Convention Centre in Bangkok on Friday, 5 November 2010.

I. Opening of the meeting

2. The meeting was opened by Mr. Michael Church (Grenada), President of the Bureau, at 5.20 p.m.

3. Mr. Marco González, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, said that the current meeting was taking place against the backdrop of milestones in the history of the Montreal Protocol. The parties' contribution to the phase-out of most ozone-depleting substances in line with the 2010 target, and the degree of compliance exhibited over the previous two decades, had been remarkable, and the emissions averted by actions under the Protocol, and subsequent protection of the ozone layer and delay to climate change, had been far in excess of the results initially envisaged. The Protocol's focus was turning to the challenge of phasing out hydrochlorofluorocarbons. With regard to the upcoming Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, financial issues were at the forefront of the agenda, including the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol and an evaluation of the financial mechanism. In conclusion, he expressed thanks to the Government of Thailand for its willingness to host the current series of meetings at short notice following the change in venue from Kampala and voiced appreciation to those attending for their support and flexibility, the complications arising from the late change notwithstanding.

4. The Bureau noted with appreciation the assistance of the Government of Thailand in hosting the meetings and congratulated the Ozone Secretariat for its efforts to organize the change of venue and meetings at short notice.

5. The meeting was attended by the following Bureau members:

President:	Mr. Michael Church (Grenada) (Latin American and Caribbean group)
Vice-Presidents:	Mr. Patrick McInerney (Australia) (Western European and others group)
	Mr. Abid Ali (Pakistan) (Asian and Pacific group)

Rapporteur: Ms. Azra Rogovic-Grubic (Bosnia and Herzegovina) (Central and Eastern European group)

6. The member from Kenya did not attend. A full list of participants is contained in the annex to the present report, which has not been formally edited.

II. Adoption of the agenda

7. The provisional agenda of the meeting, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.21/Bur.1/1, was adopted as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Work to date on implementation of decisions of the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Port Ghalib, Egypt, from 4 to 8 November 2009.
4. Overview of the working documents prepared for the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
5. Review of the agenda and presentation of a road map for the conduct of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.

III. Work to date on implementation of decisions of the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Port Ghalib, Egypt, from 4 to 8 November 2009

8. The representative of the Ozone Secretariat introduced the item, outlining document UNEP/OzL.Pro.21/Bur.1/2, annex I of which contained a tabular summary of actions taken to implement the decisions adopted by the Twenty-First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

9. In response to a query about any areas of concern in the implementation of decisions, the representative of the Secretariat drew attention to the recurrent decisions urging all States that had not yet done so to ratify the amendments to the Montreal Protocol, and observed that universal ratification was desirable to achieve the Protocol's objectives, for example, with regard to the implementation of licensing systems and the prevention of illicit trade in ozone-depleting substances. He also noted the impressive record of compliance with past decisions by individual parties that had previously been in non-compliance.

10. The Executive Secretary added that specific efforts to target those parties that had still not ratified amendments could help to hasten universal ratification of all amendments. Some parties required further encouragement to be timelier in their submission of accounting framework reports and in payment of arrears and outstanding contributions to the trust funds for the implementation of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol.

11. The Bureau took note of the information presented.

IV. Overview of the working documents prepared for the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

12. The representative of the Secretariat drew attention to annex II to document UNEP/OzL.Pro.21/Bur.1/2, which set out a list of documents prepared for the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties.

13. The Bureau took note of the information presented.

V. Review of the agenda and presentation of a road map for the conduct of the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties

14. The representative of the Secretariat outlined the expected programme of work for the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties, summarizing and supplementing the information contained in chapter III of document UNEP/OzL.Pro.21/Bur.1/2. As part of the discussion pertained to the position of Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, the Executive Secretary withdrew from the room.

15. On the issue of the budget, the representative of the Secretariat said that two items were likely to elicit some discussion during the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties: evaluation of the financial mechanism, and the implications of upgrading the post of Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat to that of Assistant Secretary-General. On the first matter, the evaluation could be undertaken by an external consultant, as previously, or by an entity within the United Nations system. One member observed that it was extremely difficult to estimate the cost of such an evaluation until relevant factors, such as the terms of reference, became clearer. The representative of the Secretariat of the Multilateral Fund agreed, saying that, on the basis of his experience, attempting such a cost estimate was difficult, and added that finding a United Nations evaluation unit without a vested interest in the process might prove problematic. On the matter of upgrading the post of Executive Secretary from the D-2 level to the level of Assistant Secretary-General, the Bureau agreed to support that action and recommend it to the contact group on budget matters expected to be established during the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties.

16. Following completion of the discussion of the latter issue, the Executive Secretary returned to the room. He informed the Bureau of the current situation regarding the proposed amendments to place hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) under the auspices of the Protocol. Informal consultations with interested parties representing the range of views on the matter were continuing to ascertain the best way to deal with the proposals during the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties, taking into consideration the limited time available in plenary session, and parties' degree of willingness to refer discussion to a contact group. The issue was extremely complex, embracing legal, technical and funding dimensions, and was further complicated by the fact that, in addition to the proposed amendments, other proposals before the parties pertained to aspects of HFC control.

17. Regarding the road map for the preparatory segment, the Executive Secretary said that the intention was to tackle agenda items 1–10 by the end of the morning session of the second day, including the establishment of the necessary contact groups, using, where possible, the same co-chairs as for the thirtieth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, held in Geneva in June 2010. He then outlined the arrangements for the high-level segment to be held on 11 and 12 November.

VI. Other matters

18. The member from Pakistan informed the Bureau that, as part of the celebration of International Ozone Day in Pakistan, children had been involved in preparing a booklet and a DVD featuring a song about the protection of the ozone layer, which he intended to present to all participants at the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Parties. The Bureau endorsed the action.

19. The President suggested that, given the costly damage inflicted on the Caribbean region by recent natural disasters and the consequent difficulty experienced by the affected States in meeting their international commitments, informal approaches might be made to various countries and organizations for assistance in meeting the obligations of affected States to the Montreal Protocol, avoiding the need to seek waivers regarding contributions and commitments under the Protocol.

VII. Adoption of the report

20. The President announced that a draft of the report would be prepared by the Secretariat and circulated to the Bureau members as soon as possible. The report would then be finalized, taking their comments into account, and presented to them for their approval.

VIII. Closure of the meeting

21. The President declared the meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.

Annex

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