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BUREAU OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER

First meeting
Geneva, 30 March 2017

**Report of the first meeting of the Bureau of the tenth meeting of the
Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection
of the Ozone Layer**

Introduction

1. Consistent with decision I/6 subparagraph (a)(i), the first meeting of the Bureau was convened in conjunction with the tenth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers (10th ORM) of the Vienna Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer. The meeting was held at the headquarters of the World Meteorological Organization.
2. The meeting was held in the margins of the 10th ORM on 30 March 2017, right before the final session of the meeting, to discuss all items set out in the agenda of the meeting.

I. Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting was opened by Mr. Sydney Alexander Samuel Milson (Guatemala), President of the Bureau, at 12:45 p.m. It was attended by the following Bureau members:

President:	Mr. Sydney Alexander Samuels Milson (Guatemala) (Latin American and Caribbean States)
Vice-Presidents:	Ms. Annie Gabriel (Australia) (Western European and other States) Satyendra Kumar Purkayastha on behalf of Hon. Abdullah Islam Jakob (Bangladesh) (Asian and Pacific States) Mr. Olzhas Agabekov (Eastern European States)

A full list of participants is set out in the annex to the present report.

II. Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda of the meeting, set out in document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/Bur.1/1, was adopted as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Action taken and progress made on the decisions of the tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, including on the work of the advisory committee of the Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention.
4. Overview of the expected recommendations of the tenth Meeting of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report.
7. Closure of the meeting.

III. Action taken and progress made on the decisions of the tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, including on the work of the advisory committee of the Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention.

5. Upon the invitation of the President of the Bureau, the Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat introduced agenda item 3, with reference to the note by the Secretariat (document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/Bur.1/1), providing information on the status of implementation of the five decisions of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention (10th COP) that took place in Paris from 17 to 21 November 2014.

Decision X/1: Status of ratification of the Vienna Convention, the Montreal Protocol and the London, Copenhagen, Montreal and Beijing amendments to the Montreal Protocol.

6. The Executive Secretary stated that with the ratification of the Beijing Amendment by the last outstanding country, Mauritania, in December 2014, the world celebrated the universal ratification of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol with all its amendments. She added that in October 2016, the 28th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Kigali, Rwanda, adopted the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol for the phase-down of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), a new group of substances that are not ozone-depleting but climate warming. She noted that the Amendment would enter into force on 1 January 2019, provided that at least 20 Montreal Protocol parties have ratified it, and that in the absence of the required ratifications by that date, the Amendment would enter into force on the 90th day following the 20th ratification.

7. The Executive Secretary affirmed the Secretariat's readiness to assist all parties to the Protocol to prepare for ratification, acceptance or approval of the Kigali Amendment, and noted that a briefing note entitled "Ratification of the Kigali Amendment" had been prepared to that effect by the Secretariat. The briefing note had been communicated to all parties on 21 February 2017 and was available on the Secretariat's website. Noting that several parties had already started their ratification process, she expressed hope that the required number of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval would be deposited to the UN Secretary-General, the depositary of the Montreal Protocol, in time for the Amendment to enter in force in January 2019. In that regard, she suggested that the Bureau might wish to encourage parties to ratify the Kigali Amendment as soon as possible.

8. A Bureau member requested the Secretariat to provide to Governments all the necessary information as to the reasons why it would be important for them to ratify the Kigali Amendment

early and before 2019. Another member added that in spite of the fact that the timing of the ratification was up to each party to decide, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, together with the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties, as bodies of the Convention and the Protocol respectively, should support the decisions taken by the parties and could encourage parties to ratify as early as possible.

Decision X/2: Recommendations of the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers

9. The Executive Secretary explained that at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention in 2014, the parties considered the report of the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers (9th ORM) and the report by the Ozone Secretariat on the Trust Fund for Research and Systematic Observations, and adopted decision X/2. That decision was based on a proposal put forward by the representative of Georgia who was at the time the President of the Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (9th COP) in 2011. The Executive Secretary suggested that the current Bureau might wish to take into consideration the expected outcome and recommendations of the 10th ORM and think about putting forward a relevant proposal, as a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties in November 2017.

Decision X/3: General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention

10. Addressing issues related to the Trust Fund, the Executive Secretary highlighted the importance of decision X/3 in the continuation and effective operationalization of the Trust Fund, noting that it was also based on a proposal put forward at the 10th COP by the representative of Georgia, the President of the Bureau of the 9th COP at the time. She pointed out two key provisions in the decision, namely, the parties' request to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to extend the life of the Trust Fund up to 31 December 2020; and the establishment of an advisory committee of the Trust Fund with a specific mandate, including the development a long-term strategy and implementation objectives and priorities under the Trust Fund. An outline of the committee's work had been presented by its Chair, Prof. A.R. Ravishankara, during the first day of the meeting.

11. Subsequently, the Secretariat's Senior Environmental Affairs Officer provided an overview of the status of the Trust Fund, noting that: the total income of the Trust Fund from its inception in 2003 until 28 February 2017 had been about US\$340,000, out of which approximately \$180,000 had been spent for nine completed activities and \$140,000 had been allocated to the implementation of four activities scheduled to take place in 2017 and 2018. On the basis of those figures, the available balance was about \$20,000. She also noted that six new project proposals had been submitted for funding in 2016 requesting a total of about \$280,000. It was therefore clear that the funds available were not sufficient to support the submitted proposals.

12. The Executive Secretary suggested that the Bureau might wish to consider the status of the Trust Fund, the work of the advisory committee and related issues with a view to exploring the possibility of submitting a proposal as a draft decision for consideration by the Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (11th COP) in November 2017, taking into consideration the expected outcome and recommendations of the 10th ORM.

Decision X/4: Financial reports and budgets for the Vienna Convention

13. The attention of the Bureau was drawn to the information on the status of the Trust Fund for the Vienna Convention for the years 2014-2016, as contained in the note by the Secretariat. The Executive Secretary informed the Bureau of the status of the operational reserve of the Vienna Convention Trust Fund and pointed out that by 2020 the forecasted cash balance would not be sufficient to cover expenditures. The Secretariat would bring that issue to the attention of the Conference of Parties for their consideration during the 11th COP and would provide further refined financial analysis and contribution scenarios in the proposed budget document for the revised 2017 and the proposed 2018, 2019 and 2020 budgets.

14. One Bureau member reiterated the importance of having those scenarios for the cash balance. She also observed that decision X/4 had requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to extend the Trust Fund until 31 December 2025, and sought clarification as to the reason why it was instead extended only until the end of 2019. In response, the Executive Secretary clarified that at its second meeting in May 2016, the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) had blanket-approved the extension of the trust funds under the United Nations Environment Programme until 31 December 2019. The Secretariat was taking the necessary actions to ensure that the extension of the Vienna Convention Trust Fund would be revisited by UNEA at its third session, to be held in December 2017, with a view to extending those funds in accordance with the request of the Conference of the Parties set out in decision X/4. Upon the request of the same Bureau member, the Secretariat will include this clarification in the respective budget document for the Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (29th MOP) in November 2017.

15. The Executive Secretary suggested that the Bureau might wish to take note of the status of the Trust Fund, to encourage parties to pay their contributions promptly and in full, and to also urge parties that had not done so for prior years to pay their contributions as soon as possible.

Decision X/5: Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention

16. The Executive Secretary informed the Bureau that the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention would be held jointly with the 29th MOP from 20 to 24 November 2017 in Montreal.

17. The Bureau took note of that information.

IV. Overview of the expected recommendations of the tenth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention

18. The two Co-Chairs of the 10th ORM, Mr. Kenneth Jucks (USA) and Mr. Gerrie Coetze (South Africa), reported to the Bureau on the status of the recommendations emanating from the meeting on four key areas: research needs, systematic observations, data archiving and stewardship and capacity-building. After hearing the report, the Bureau thanked the Co-Chairs for a detailed account of the 10th ORM progress up to that point in time and discussed the role it could play in bringing the key issues to the 11th COP. The recommendations and the report of the 10th ORM were to be posted on the meeting's portal on the Ozone Secretariat website in due course at this link: <http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/orm/10orm/default.aspx>.

19. The Bureau agreed that nearer the time of the 11th COP, it would work on a proposal (a draft decision) that could possibly take note with appreciation of the report of the 10th ORM, encourage parties to adopt the recommendations and formulate provisions on relevant issues the Bureau wished to raise.

20. The President of the Bureau requested for the assistance of the Secretariat, the 9th ORM Co-Chairs as well as the Co-Chairs of the Scientific Assessment Panel in the preparation of the draft proposal.

V. Other matters

21. No other matters were raised.

VI. Adoption of the report

22. The President said that the Bureau would entrust the Secretariat to prepare a draft report and circulate it to the Bureau members for comments as soon as possible. The report would then be finalized, taking their comments into account, and presented to them for their approval.

VII. Closure of the meeting

23. The President declared the meeting closed at 14.00 p.m.

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