

Ref: Oz.Sec./Decision XIV/7 & Decision XXXI/3

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Reminder: Cases of illegal trade in ozone-depleting substances and prevention of illegal production, import, export and consumption

Sir/Madam,

I refer to decision XIV/7 adopted at the Fourteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 2002. The decision highlights the importance of actions aimed at improving the monitoring of trade in ozone-depleting substances (ODS) and preventing illegal trade in those substances for their timely and smooth phase-out according to the agreed schedules.

Building on that decision, in November 2019, the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties adopted decision XXXI/3, by which, under paragraph 5, all parties are encouraged to take action to discover and prevent the illegal production, import, export and consumption of controlled substances by, *inter alia*, reporting fully proved cases of illegal trade in controlled substances to the Ozone Secretariat in order to facilitate an exchange of information.

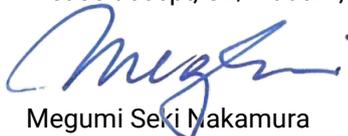
Decision XIV/7 also requested the Secretariat to collect any information on illegal trade received from the parties and to disseminate it to all parties.

All the reports received by the Secretariat so far have been made available on the online database of illegal trade cases at this link: <https://ozone.unep.org/countries/additional-reported-information/illegal-trade>. Ahead of each Meeting of the Parties, this information is compiled into an information note for the information of the parties.

As a reminder to all parties, I encourage your Government to report any available information related to these decisions to the Secretariat by email to Liazzat Rabbiosi rabbiosi@un.org, copied to MEA-ozoneinfo@un.org. Attached to this communication is the standard format (Annex I and Annex II) for reporting the information.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with your Government to implement the provisions of the Montreal Protocol.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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