

Ref: Oz.Sec./Decisions XIV/7, XXXI/3 and XXXIV/8

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Reminder: Cases of illegal trade in controlled substances and prevention of illegal production, import, export and consumption

Dear 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 and preventing illegal trade in those substances for their timely and smooth phase-out.

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 and to report fully proved cases of illegal trade in such substances to the Ozone Secretariat with a view to facilitating an exchange of information. The decision also requested the Secretariat to disseminate any information on illegal trade received from the parties to all parties of the Montreal Protocol.

Similarly, in paragraph 3 of [decision XXXIV/8](#) adopted in 2022, parties are encouraged to facilitate the exchange of information to prevent the illegal trade of controlled substances by reporting to the Secretariat fully proved cases of illegal trade and to the extent that parties are able to do so, providing information about illegal trade situations.

All the reports received by the Secretariat pursuant to these decisions are being 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 consideration 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, including cases of illegal trade that are not fully proven. You can do so by using the [online forms](#). The Word version of the same forms is attached for your use if preferred; please send any completed Word forms by email to Liazzat Rabbiosi rabbiosi@un.org, copied to mea-ozoneinfo@un.org.

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

Yours sincerely,



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