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Sir/Madam,

**Subject: General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention: Call for project proposals**

I have the honour to refer to [decision XIII/1](#) on recommendations of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer at their twelfth meeting and [decision XIII/2](#) on the General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention (VCGTF), adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention at its thirteenth meeting (COP13), held from 28 October to 1 November 2024.

In decision XIII/1, parties were encouraged to adopt and implement, as appropriate, the recommendations of the Ozone Research Managers under the topics of research, systematic observations, gaps in the global coverage of atmospheric monitoring of controlled substances and options to enhance such monitoring, data archiving and stewardship, and capacity building. These recommendations are set out in the [report of the twelfth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers](#) and in document [UNEP/OzL.Conv.13/6](#).

In decision XIII/2, the Advisory Committee of the VCGTF was requested, with the assistance of the World Meteorological Organization and the Secretariat, to continue to implement its long-term strategy and short-term plan of action for the Trust Fund, ensuring that activities relevant to enhancing monitoring of substances controlled under the Montreal Protocol are taken into account. The Advisory Committee continues to work on implementing its strategy and will report on progress made at the thirteenth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers, which is to take place in the first half of 2027 in Geneva, Switzerland.

With regard to VCGTF activities on stratospheric ozone and ultraviolet (UV) radiation monitoring, I would also like to refer to my correspondence to all parties dated 21 November 2025, which included a brief update on the status of the VCGTF and its activities and on the work of the Advisory Committee. As the Advisory Committee has now evaluated all project proposals submitted to the Secretariat in response to the call issued on 23 November 2023, it is timely to renew the invitation to developing countries and countries with economies in transition for submission of project proposals.

Accordingly, we hereby invite the submission of proposals related to monitoring of stratospheric ozone and UV radiation for possible support under the VCGTF. Kindly note that, while the Conference of the Parties, at its twelfth meeting, has recognized that the purpose of the VCGTF includes supporting activities relating to monitoring controlled substances, the present call is restricted to proposals on ozone and UV radiation monitoring only. This limitation reflects the availability of funds and the differing modalities applicable to projects involving controlled substances.

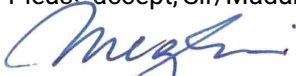
Requests for support should not exceed \$50,000. In line with the long-term strategy and short-term plan of action for the VCGTF, and subject to availability of funds, priority will be given to short-term activities (approximate one year in duration) related to monitoring of column ozone, ozone profiles and UV radiation in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, particularly where such activities initiate programmes that can subsequently be sustained by the host institution/country over a longer period.

Priority will also be accorded to proposals involving cooperation between developing countries or countries with economies in transition and developed countries, such as training and calibration activities in which scientists from developing countries participate alongside experts from developed countries.

In submitting proposals, proponents are requested to complete the template attached to this correspondence. We kindly request that proposals be submitted to the Secretariat no later than **30 September 2026**. While current resources remain limited, additional funding will, as appropriate, be solicited from parties to support those projects identified by the Advisory Committee as being of the highest priority.

We look forward to continuing strengthening the work under the Vienna Convention and to supporting your country in the area of research and systematic observations.

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



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