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THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT
DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

Second meeting

Cairo, 17 November 1998

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO
THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON THE WORK OF ITS SECOND MEETING

INTRODUCTION

1. The second meeting of the Bureau of the Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol was held at the Cairo International Conference Centre on 17 November 1998.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

2. Mr. Eduardo López (Venezuela) (Vice-President) opened the meeting on behalf of the President of the Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, Mr. Won-Hwa Park (Republic of Korea), at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 November 1998.

3. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau, who had been elected to their respective posts by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties or named by their Governments in accordance with rule 24 of the rules of procedure:

Acting President: Mr. Eduardo López (Venezuela)

Vice-President: Mr. G. Steve Hart (Canada)

Rapporteur: Mr. Komla Emoe (Togo)

4. The meeting was also attended by Mr. K. M. Sarma (Executive Secretary), Mr. N. Sabogal (Programme Officer, Science) and Mr. P. Silfvenius (Administrative and Programme Management Officer) of the Ozone Secretariat, Dr. Omar El-Arini, Chief Officer of the Secretariat of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, Mr. Pekka Juusela, representative of the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and, as an observer, Mr. James Traweek (United States of America).

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5. The Bureau adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.9/Bur/2/1):

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Update on the actions taken on the decisions of the Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Montreal from 15 to 17 September 1997.
4. Overview of the working documents for the eighteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and the Tenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, to be held in Cairo from 18 to 24 November 1998.
5. Other matters.
6. Closure of the meeting.

III. UPDATE ON THE ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL, HELD IN MONTREAL FROM 15 TO 17 SEPTEMBER 1997

6. The Secretariat introduced its note (UNEP/OzL.Pro.9/Bur.2/2), giving a brief summary of the actions taken by the Secretariat since the first meeting of the Bureau.

7. With regard to decisions IX/1-4, the Secretariat reported that the Montreal adjustments with regard to substances in Annexes A, B and E had entered into force on 5 June 1998. The Montreal Amendment to the Protocol had been ratified by only three Parties: Canada, Chile and the Republic of Korea. The Amendment would enter into force on 1 January 1999 provided that at least 20 instruments of ratification have been received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Depositary of the Protocol, by that date. The Secretariat has reminded all Parties regarding ratification. The Bureau urged Parties to ratify the Montreal Amendment.

8. The Bureau noted that no action was required of the Secretariat with respect to decision IX/6, and that there had been no new developments regarding decisions IX/5 and IX/7.

9. With regard to decision IX/8, as of 14 September 1998, the Secretariat had received contact details of the officers dealing with information on the imports and exports of ozone-depleting substances from 86 Parties.

10. With regard to decision IX/9, as of 14 September 1998, 11 Parties had reported on measures they had adopted to regulate imports and exports.
11. With regard to decision IX/10, the Secretariat recalled that at its first meeting, the Bureau of the Ninth Meeting of the Parties decided to approach those countries that had not ratified the London, Copenhagen and Montreal Amendments with a view to achieving expeditious action on the issue. The President of the Bureau, had sent a letter to the foreign ministries of countries that had not ratified all of the amendments to the Montreal Protocol. That had achieved some results. The Bureau also noted that the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund required that a party must have ratified the Copenhagen Amendment or have submitted a written statement that it intended to do so in the near future before being eligible for funding for methyl-bromide projects. The Bureau urged all Parties that had not ratified the London and Copenhagen amendments to do so at the earliest possible date.
12. With regard to decision IX/11, the Secretariat reported that 140 Parties had reported data for 1996 and 88 Parties for 1997. Data-reporting was generally improving, particularly among countries operating under Article 5.
13. The Bureau noted that no action was required by the Secretariat with respect to decision IX/13. The Bureau noted that there had been no new developments regarding decisions IX/12 and IX/14.
14. With regard to decision IX/15, the Chief Officer of the Fund Secretariat informed the Bureau that the technical audits had been completed. The Subgroup on the Production Sector had been given the task of examining the closure of particular production facilities and placing projects before the Executive Committee as appropriate.
15. The Bureau noted that no action was required of the Secretariat with respect to decision IX/16. The Bureau noted that there had been no new developments regarding decisions IX/17, IX/18, IX/19, IX/20, IX/21, IX/22 and IX/23.
16. With regard to decision IX/24, the Secretariat reported that it had been in continuous exchange of information with the Scientific and Technology and Economic Assessment Panels on the ozone-depleting substances chlorobromomethane (ozone-depleting potential (ODP) of around 0.15), n-propyl bromide (ODP of 0.026), and halon-1202 (ODP of 1.25). The Bureau noted that the issue of incorporating new substances into the Protocol was an important one. There was broad concern that the Parties needed to develop a mechanism for discouraging the development and commercial introduction of new ozone-depleting substances.
17. With regard to decision IX/25, the Secretariat reported that the draft Special Report on Aviation of the Global Atmosphere had already undergone the first expert peer-review, mandated by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). It had been distributed on 29 July 1998 for review by Governments. The deadline for the submission of the review by the Governments had been 16 September 1998. The third lead-authors meeting had been held in Montreal from 26 to 28 October 1998 at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The final report would be approved in April 1999.
18. The Bureau noted that there had been no new developments regarding decisions IX/26 and IX/27. With regard to decision IX/28, the Secretariat reported that it was working closely with UNEP/IE to develop a handbook on the data-reporting requirements for distribution to the Parties and this would be ready in January 1999.

19. With regard to decisions IX/29-32, the Secretariat said that the matter was currently under consideration by the Implementation Committee.

20. The Bureau noted that there had been no new developments regarding decisions IX/33, IX/34, IX/35, IX/36, IX/37/ IX/38/ IX/39 and IX/40. The updated status of the trust funds and the proposed budgets for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol were distributed and discussed at the meeting.

IV. OVERVIEW OF THE WORKING DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP AND THE TENTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL, TO BE HELD IN CAIRO FROM 18 TO 24 NOVEMBER 1998

21. The Secretariat drew attention to the documentation prepared for the eighteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and the Tenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, namely: for the eighteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol: the provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro/WG.1/18/1); for the Tenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol: the annotated provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.10/1), the report of the Executive Director to the Tenth Meeting of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro.10/2), the report of the Secretariat on information provided by the Parties in accordance with Article 7 and 9 of the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.10/3), the approved budgets for 1998 and 1999 and proposed budget for 2000 for the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.10/4 and Corr.1 and Corr.2), the financial report on the Trust Funds for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.10/5), the report of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund to the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro.10/6), draft decisions (UNEP/OzL.Pro.10/7), the report of the Executive Director for the use of programme support costs (UNEP/OzL.Pro.10/8), the amendment to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (UNEP/OzL.Pro.10/INF/1), actions taken by Parties to control export of products and equipment whose continuing functioning relies on annex A and B substances (decision IX/9) (UNEP/OzL.Pro.10/INF/2).

VI. OTHER MATTERS

22. There were no other matters.

VII. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

23. The Acting President declared the meeting closed at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 November 1998.
