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**Item 9 of the provisional agenda
of the high-level segment:***
**Adoption of decisions by the Eighteenth Meeting
of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol**

Draft decisions and proposed adjustment

Addendum

**Draft decision proposed by the European Community on
cooperation with the International Plant Protection Convention
on quarantine and pre-shipment methyl bromide alternatives**

The annex to the present note contains a draft decision submitted by the European Community on cooperation with the International Plant Protection Convention on quarantine and pre-shipment methyl bromide alternatives.

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Annex

[Draft decision XVIII/___: Montreal Protocol/International Plant Protection Convention cooperation on the use of alternatives to methyl bromide for quarantine and pre-shipment

The Meeting of the Parties,

Noting with appreciation the work done by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and its Quarantine and Pre-Shipment Task Force,

Mindful that in accordance with decisions VII/5 and XI/12 of the Meeting of the Parties quarantine and pre-shipment treatments are authorized or performed by national plant, animal, health or stored product authorities,

Noting that by its amendment to Article 7, paragraph 3, of the Protocol the Eleventh Meeting of the Parties required each Party thereafter to submit information to the Secretariat on the amount of methyl bromide used annually for quarantine and pre-shipment applications,

Acknowledging that the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures adopts international standards for phytosanitary measures under the International Plant Protection Convention, which is an international treaty that aims to secure action to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products, and to promote appropriate measures for their control,

Taking into account that quarantine and pre-shipment applications of methyl bromide were originally conceived to protect natural ecosystems from the accidental introduction and spread of such pests, including invasive alien species, while at the same time allowing trade,

Mindful that in decision XVII/15 the Parties request the Ozone Secretariat and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to liaise further with relevant bodies of the International Plant Protection Convention, in consideration of the risk of depletion of the ozone layer from increasing methyl bromide emissions resulting from quarantine and pre-shipment applications,

Recognizing the need to develop common solutions that minimize and will eventually eliminate the use of methyl bromide for quarantine and pre-shipment applications in a manner that is satisfactory for the ozone layer and also in terms of phytosanitary protection,

Decides:

1. To request the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to approach relevant bodies of the International Plant Protection Convention and experts with a view to engage in further cooperation aimed:

- (a) At identifying jointly:
 - (i) Commonalities and differences in the concept of quarantine and pre-shipment under the Montreal Protocol and the International Plant Protection Convention;
 - (ii) Opportunities and constraints, including constraints of a financial nature, in the development and implementation of appropriate policies and measures, particularly in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, supporting alternatives to methyl bromide to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products and reduce the impact on the ozone layer, within the frameworks of the Montreal Protocol and the International Plant Protection Convention;
 - (iii) National plant, animal, environmental, health and stored product regulations that require or authorize the use of methyl bromide for quarantine and pre-shipment applications, including for each commodity information on import-export countries affected, the amount of methyl bromide used annually, and potential alternatives to replace such uses;

(b) At facilitating jointly and under their respective mandates the implementation and deployment of technically and economically feasible phytosanitary measures, including physico-chemical treatments, as alternatives to current uses of methyl bromide;

(c) At providing jointly, in the meantime, and until alternatives to methyl bromide for quarantine and pre-shipment applications are available, to national plant protection organizations practical guidance on techniques aimed at minimizing emissions from methyl bromide fumigation, as is urged in decision XI/13;

2. To request the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to report on the results of its contacts and work described in paragraph 1 above in time for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group of the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol;

3. To urge the Parties to the Montreal Protocol to implement procedures to monitor the uses of methyl bromide by commodity and by quantity in order to facilitate reporting and fully enable the Quarantine and Pre-shipment Task Force to report comprehensive information about current quarantine and pre-shipment uses of methyl bromide;
