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**Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties to  
the Montreal Protocol on Substances  
that Deplete the Ozone Layer**  
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Agenda item 12 of the high-level segment  
**Adoption of the report and decisions of the Fifteenth Meeting  
of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol**

**Report of the meeting of the Bureau of the Fourteenth Meeting of the  
Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone  
Layer**

**Introduction**

1. The Bureau of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer met at UNEP headquarters, Nairobi, on 8 November 2003.

**I. Opening of the meeting**

2. The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m. on Saturday, 8 November 2003 by Mr. Habeeb Mohamed Farook (Sri Lanka). Mr. Farook presented the apologies of the Hon. Rukman Senanayake, the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Sri Lanka, who was unable to preside over the meeting because he had been unavoidably delayed by the constitutional crisis in Sri Lanka.

3. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau, who had been elected to their posts by the fourteenth Meeting of the Parties, held in Rome from 25 to 29 November 2002, or nominated by their Governments in accordance with rule 24 of the rules of procedure:

Mr. Mikheil Tushishvili (Georgia)  
Mr. Habeeb Mohamed Farook (Sri Lanka)  
Mr. Alessandro Giuliano Peru (Italy)

4. A full list of participants is given in the annex to the present report.

## II. Adoption of the agenda

5. The provisional agenda of the meeting given in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.14/Bur/1 was adopted:
  1. Opening of the meeting.
  2. Adoption of the agenda.
  3. Action taken on the decisions of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Rome from 25 to 29 November 2002.
  4. Overview of the working documents prepared for the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, to be held in Nairobi from 10 to 14 November 2003.
  5. Other matters.
  6. Adoption of the report.
  7. Closure of the meeting.

## III. Action taken on the decisions of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Rome from 25 to 29 November 2003

6. Attention was drawn to document UNEP/OzL.Pro.15/2, which contained in its annex the Executive Director's report on the action taken on the decisions of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Parties. Attention was drawn also to the sixth edition of the *Montreal Protocol Handbook*, which included, among other things, all the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties. The Secretariat was commended by the representative of Georgia on its production of the *Handbook*, which, with its compilation of relevant decisions, he described as a useful tool not to be found amongst the documentation produced by other multilateral environmental agreements.

7. The Bureau took note of the information contained in the Executive Director's report with the comments set out below.

### A. Decision XIV/2: Application by Armenia for developing country status under the Montreal Protocol

8. In response to a question by the representative of Georgia, the Executive Secretary explained that a communication had been received by the Secretariat to the effect that Armenia expected to ratify the London Amendment by the end of 2003, which would unlock disbursements from the Multilateral Fund. Armenia had also pointed out that it was in compliance with Articles, 2A to 2I, 4 and 7 of the Montreal Protocol as adjusted and amended.

### B. Decision XIV/5: Global database and assessment to determine appropriate measures to complete the transition from chlorofluorocarbon metered-dose inhalers

9. Ms. Megumi Seki (Senior Scientific Affairs Officer, Ozone Secretariat) drew attention to the draft decision, on promoting the closure of essential-use nominations for metered-dose inhalers, which had been submitted by the European Commission to the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-third meeting for consideration and adoption by the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro/WG.1/23/5\*, appendix III). In particular, the draft decision requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) to recommend a form for Parties submitting data pursuant to decision XIV/5 so as to ensure uniform reporting.

**C. Decision XIV/9: Development of policies governing the service sector and the final use of chillers**

10. The Bureau noted the TEAP request for additional time to complete its report on chillers and of its suggestion that it should submit its report on the issue to the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties in 2004.

**D. Decision XIV/10: Relationship between efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and efforts to safeguard the global climate system: issues relating to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons**

11. Ms. Seki informed the Bureau that an agreement had recently been reached with the Technical Support Unit of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) whereby the Ozone Secretariat would be a part of the Secretariat for the special report on the issue, which had originally been the charge of the Technical Support Unit.

**E. Decision XIV/11: The relationship between the Montreal Protocol and the World Trade Organization**

12. The Executive Secretary informed the Bureau that the Montreal Protocol had requested observer status with the World Trade Organization (WTO) at the forthcoming meeting of its Trade and Environment Committee. The request was still pending, however, because it had been addressed to the fifth WTO Ministerial Conference, in Cancún, Mexico, from 10 to 14 September 2003, but the Conference had ended rather abruptly without discussing it.

**F. Decision XIV/36: Report on the establishment of licensing systems under Article 4B of the Montreal Protocol**

13. The Executive Secretary informed the Bureau that the Secretariat would present to the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties an updated list of Parties which had introduced a licensing system. The representative of Italy reported that, once it had completed its work, input from the Implementation Committee to the Meeting of the Parties could be expected on the issue as well as on matters related to compliance with control measures under Article 2, 2A to 2F and to reporting of data.

**G. Decision XIV/39: 2003-2005 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund**

14. Mr. Hetherington (Multilateral Fund) informed the Bureau that in the budget which the Multilateral Fund Executive Committee had formulated for the 2003-2005 triennium it had emphasized the provision of assistance that would help countries meet their compliance obligations, and had therefore developed a business plan which front-loaded disbursements towards the beginning of the triennium to maximize the chances of countries' meeting their compliance deadlines.

**H. Decision XIV/41: Financial matters: Financial reports and budgets**

15. Ms. Ruth Batten (Administrative/Fund Management Officer, Ozone Secretariat) said that at the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties the Secretariat would circulate additional information concerning contributions as of 31 October 2003. The financial and budget report documents UNEP/OzL.Pro.15/5 and 6 had been presented to the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties for its consideration. As of 31 October, collection of pledges for 2003 had reached \$1,524,765, an increase of \$79,611 over the August figures reflected in the report documents.

**IV. Overview of the working documents prepared for the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, to be held in Nairobi from 10 to 14 November 2003**

16. Ms. Seki introduced note by the Secretariat UNEP/OzL.Pro.14/Bur/2, which listed the documents prepared by the Secretariat for the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties. She drew attention also to the background documents listed, which included the various assessment reports colour-coded orange for 2002 which had been circulated to Parties earlier in the year. She drew particular attention to the report of the twenty-third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro/WG.1/23/5\*), with its annexed draft decisions for consideration by the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties.

**V. Other matters**

17. No other matters were raised.

**VI. Adoption of the report**

18. On the suggestion of the Executive Secretary, it was agreed that the report would be drafted by the Secretariat and circulated to the participants for their approval.

**VII. Closure of the meeting**

19. On behalf of the Bureau, the President expressed his hopes for a successful Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties.

*The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m..*

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