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OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF THE PARTIES TO  
THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT  
DEplete THE OZONE LAYER  
Fifteenth meeting  
Nairobi, 3-6 June 1997

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) Organization of work.
3. Consideration and consolidation of the amendments and adjustments proposed by Parties (decisions VII/9, paragraph 8, VII/8, paragraph 1 and others, if any).
4. Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on essential uses:
  - (a) Status of use of controlled substances and availability of alternatives for laboratory and analytical uses of ozone-depleting substances (decision VII/11, paragraph 7);
  - (b) Quantity of controlled substances authorized under the essential-use process (decision VII/28, paragraph 2);
  - (c) Progress in the development and implementation of national transition strategies in non-Article 5 Parties for non-CFC treatments of asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (decision VIII/12, paragraph 4);
  - (d) Transition to non-CFC treatments of asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in non-Article 5 Parties that is fully protective of public health (decision VIII/12, paragraph 5);

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- (e) Implications of allowing greater flexibility in the transfer of essential-use authorizations between Parties (decision VIII/9, paragraph 6);
  - (f) Implications of allowing the production of CFCs for medical applications on a periodic "campaign basis" (decision VIII/9, paragraph 7).
5. Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on methyl bromide:
- (a) Report on methyl bromide, including the availability of viable alternatives for specific applications (decision VII/8);
  - (b) The need for and the modalities (including the essential-use process) criteria that could be used to facilitate review, approval and implementation of requests for critical agricultural use exemptions (decisions VII/29, paragraph 3, and VIII/16, paragraph 2);
  - (c) Possible uses of market-based measures to allow for greater flexibility in implementing the requirements for limitations on methyl bromide (decision VII/29, paragraph 4);
  - (d) Control of trade in methyl bromide with non-Parties (decision VIII/15).
6. Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on other issues:
- (a) Important new technical and economic developments (decision VII/34, paragraph 5);
  - (b) Modalities and criteria for a continued use of controlled substances as process agents (decision VII/10, paragraph 2);
  - (c) List of available alternatives to each HCFC application (decision VIII/13, paragraph 2);
  - (d) Future availability of halons to meet the demands for use in critical applications by non-Article 5 Parties (decision VIII/20, paragraph 2).
7. Control of exports of ozone-depleting substances:
- (a) Instituting a system to require validation and approval of exports of used and recycled ozone-depleting substances from all Parties (decision VIII/20, paragraph 5);
  - (b) Issues relating to exports of ozone-depleting substances and products containing ozone-depleting substances including, inter-alia, the control of exports of ozone-depleting substances by Parties in non-compliance (decision VIII/26, paragraph 4);
  - (c) Proposed amendment by the African Group to decision VII/32;

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- (d) Use of customs codes for imports and exports of ozone-depleting substances (proposal by Poland).
8. Report of the Executive Committee:
    - (a) Reducing the agency support costs of the Implementing Agencies of the Multilateral Fund (decision VIII/4, paragraph 6);
    - (b) Action to improve the functioning of the Financial Mechanism (decisions VIII/5 and VIII/7).
  9. Arrears in the contributions to the Multilateral Fund by non-Article 5 Parties which had not ratified the London Amendment prior to the Eighth Meeting of the Parties (decision VIII/6, and paragraph 88 of the report of the Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.8/12).
  10. Application of the Republic of Moldova for classification as a developing country.
  11. Report of the Implementation Committee:
    - (a) Revised formats for reporting data under Article 7 of the Protocol (decision VIII/21);
    - (b) Compliance with the Montreal Protocol by Latvia (decision VIII/22), Lithuania (decision VIII/23), Russian Federation (decision VIII/25) and others, if any.
  12. Report by the Ozone Secretariat on utilization of the funds for the participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the meetings of the Assessment Panels and the Technical Options Committees (decision VIII/28, paragraph 6).
  13. Report by the United Nations Environment Programme on the ways in which the 13 per cent programme support costs charged by the United Nations Environment Programme to the Trust Fund budget have been used for the benefit of the Convention and its Secretariat (decision VIII/28, paragraph 7).
  14. Other matters.
  15. Adoption of the report.
  16. Closure of the meeting.

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