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**Consideration of administrative issues:  
financial report on the trust funds for the  
Vienna Convention for the Protection of the  
Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on  
Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer  
and the budget for the Montreal Protocol**

**Administrative and financial matters relevant to the Trust Fund  
for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone  
Layer**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. This note is prepared pursuant to the discussion which ensued at the Fifteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol held in Nairobi in 2003 on which United Nations scale of assessment should be applied in calculating the contributions of the Parties for ensuing fiscal years of the Trust Fund, and in accordance with the request of the Parties that the Secretariat present at the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties a proposal on the issue based upon research into the practice of contributions to other multilateral environmental agreements.
2. Based on information received from other multilateral environmental agreements and United Nations bodies, the Secretariat proposes that the current practice, which is consistent with the terms of reference of the Montreal Protocol trust fund, be maintained by the Parties. In the calculation of the contributions of the Parties, the Secretariat shall be guided by paragraph 4 of the terms of reference for the administration of the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol.
3. As the United Nations scale of assessment is determined by the United Nations General Assembly only once in three years and is effective for a three-year period, e.g., 2001–2003, and mindful of the fact that the General Assembly's resolution on the scale of assessments for the succeeding three-year period is normally made available only after the General Assembly session held at the end of the

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current three-year period, the third year of the scale of assessment in effect at the time the Secretariat's budget is being presented to the Parties for approval will be used in calculating the contributions of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. This is consistent with the past practice, as for example in the application of the 2003 United Nations scale of assessment to the 2004 budget of the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol, which was approved by the fifteenth Meeting of the Parties in November 2003. The United Nations scale of assessment for the period 2004–2006 will therefore be applied in the calculation of the contributions of the Parties for 2005, 2006 and 2007.

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