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**Consideration of methyl bromide-related issues:
recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group
at its twenty-fourth meeting: request for technical and
financial support relating to methyl bromide alternatives**

**Cost implications of the translation of documents issued by the
Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee**

Note by the Secretariat

1. This note is prepared pursuant to agenda item number 12 of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and in consideration of a request made during the 24th meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (see the report of that meeting, UNEP.OzL.Pro.WG.1/24/9, paragraphs 174 to 177) that the Secretariat translate into the official United Nations languages, and publish in those languages, the assessment reports prepared by the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee (MBTOC) on alternatives to methyl bromide. The Secretariat deems it necessary to circulate the information on translation of documents issued by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) and its technical options committees along with the information on the cost implications of the translation of MBTOC documents.
2. As stipulated in paragraph 3.1 of the TEAP terms of reference (annex V to the report of the eighth Meeting of the Parties, UNEP/OzL.Pro.8/12), which the Meeting of the Parties approved in its decision VIII/19 on the organization and functioning of TEAP, the stipulated language of TEAP meetings is English, and reports of the panel are produced only in English. The Secretariat has therefore always circulated all the reports of the panel and its committees only in English.
3. Notwithstanding this provision in the terms of reference, and in accordance with the request of the Open-ended Working Group made at its 24th meeting to forward the draft decision on this issue to the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties, the Secretariat wishes to inform the Parties that the cost of

¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro.16/1.

translating the 2002 MBTOC assessment report, which consists of 184,618 words, at \$90 per standard page of 330 words, is \$50,350 per language. The total cost of the translation of the MBTOC assessment report from English into five other United Nations languages therefore will be \$251,750.
