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that Deplete the Ozone Layer**
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**Report of the Joint Bureaux of the sixth meeting of the Conference of
the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone
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Introduction

1. The meeting of the Joint Bureaux of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention on Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer met in the Meridien President hotel in Dakar, Senegal on 10 December 2005.

I. Opening of the Meeting

2. The Meeting was called to order at 1000 a.m. on Saturday 10 December by Mr. Alan Flores of Costa Rica, President of the Bureau of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. Mr. Flores explained that he had agreed with the President of the Bureau of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention that he would chair this meeting, and that in turn, she would give a brief speech during the opening session of the joint Meeting of the Parties on behalf of both the Montreal Protocol and Vienna Convention Bureaux.

3. The meeting was attended by the following members of the bureau who had been elected to their posts by the Conference of the Parties or the Meeting of the Parties respectively, or nominated by their Governments in accordance with rule 24 of the relevant rules of procedure:

Bureau of the sixth Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention

President: Mr. Robert Ford (United States of America)

Vice- Presidents: Mr. Jiri Hlaváček (Czech Republic)

Mr. Victor Yameogo (Burkina Faso)

Mr. Jafrul Chowdhury (Bangladesh)

Rapporteur: Ms. Alicia Lozano (Columbia)

Bureau of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

President: Mr. Allan Flores-Moya (Costa Rica)

Vice -Presidents: Ms. Else Peuranen (Finland)

Mr. Ndiaye Cheikh Sylla (Senegal)

Mr. W.L. Sumathipala (Sri Lanka)

Rapporteur: Ms. Rodica-Ella Morohoi (Romania)

4. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Ozone Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Multilateral Fund.

5. At the onset of the meeting, the President invited the Vice-President of the Bureau from Senegal to make some opening remarks. In his statement, the Vice-President welcomed all of the members of the Bureaux to Senegal, a country which was known for his hospitality, and he wished everyone a very pleasant and productive week of meetings.

6. The President then invited the Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, Mr. Marco González, to make a presentation to the Bureaux. Mr. González thanked the President and the members of the Bureaux for their dedication to advancing the work of the Parties during their tenure. He then reviewed with the Bureaux members the significant contributions that the ozone regime had made to the advancement of global environmental issues, and congratulated the Parties for all of their hard work.

II. Adoption of the agenda

7. After introduction of the provisional agenda of the meeting provided in document UNEP/OzL.Conv.6/Bur.2/1-UNEP/OzL.Pro.16/Bur.2/1, it was adopted as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Work to date on the implementation of decisions:
 - (a) Of the sixth Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, held in Rome from 25 to 29 November 2002;
 - (b) Of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Prague from 22 to 26 November 2004.
4. Overview of the working documents prepared for the seventh Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, the Seventeenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and the related preparatory segment.
5. Review of the agenda and a presentation of a roadmap for the operation of the upcoming meetings.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the Meeting.

III. Work to-date on implementation of the decisions

A. Work to date on the implementation of decisions of the sixth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Vienna Convention held in Rome from 25-29 November 2002

8. The President drew the attention of the Bureaux to annex 1 of the note of the Secretariat for the Bureau meeting (UNEP/OzL.Conv.6/Bur.2/2), which contained a table providing a broad overview of the decisions adopted at the sixth Conference of the Parties, the actions required of the Secretariat in those decisions, and the actions taken by the Secretariat on those decisions since the sixth Conference of the Parties. He then invited Mr. Paul Horwitz, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Secretariat to make a presentation on this matter. The Secretariat highlighted, in particular, its work on Vienna Convention Decision VI/2 noting that the trust fund that was established pursuant to that decision had funded an important Dobson calibration exercise in Cairo, and was going to shortly fund two more calibration activities in Nepal and Indonesia. He then informed the Bureau that unless the Parties to the Vienna Convention took action at this meeting, the Trust Fund would expire at the end of 2007.

9. On this item, one member of the Bureau expressed his country's support for a draft decision on this issue that was put forward for consideration by the President of the Bureau from the United States of America, and the Secretariat expressed the hope that this draft could be put forward to the meeting by a group of Parties to enable expeditious consideration of the issue at the Meeting of the Parties. In addition, on this item, Mr. Jiri Hlavacek (Czech Republic), Vice- President of the Bureau, announced that his government had recently decided to make a contribution of \$8000 to the Trust Fund.

B. Work to date on the implementation of decisions of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol held in Prague from 22-26 November 2004

10. The President drew the attention of the Bureaux to Annex II of the note of the Secretariat for the Bureau meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.16/Bur.2/2) which contained a table providing a broad overview of the decisions adopted at the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, the actions required of the Secretariat in those decisions, and the actions taken by the Secretariat on those decisions since the sixteenth Meeting of the Parties. He then invited Mr. Paul Horwitz, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Secretariat to make a presentation on this matter.

11. The Secretariat noted, in particular, the large number of decisions that had been taken by the last meeting of the Protocol Parties on compliance and methyl bromide related issues, and he noted that the meeting this year was expected to spend a great deal of time on the issue of replenishment. He also congratulated the Parties for their progress on reporting, which had achieved a new high. At the request of one member, the Secretariat reviewed with the Bureaux the expected line up of membership for the next Bureau and the fact that requests for regional submissions of nominations for membership for outstanding committees would be made early Monday during the preparatory segment of the meeting.

IV. Overview of the working Documents prepared for the seventh Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Seventeenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and the related preparatory segments

12. After introducing this issue, the Secretariat drew attention of the meeting to Annex III of UNEP/OzL.Conv.6/Bur.2/2-UNEP/OzL.Pro.16/Bur.2/2, which contained a list of the documents that had been prepared for the meetings. In his presentation on this issue, Mr. Horwitz noted in particular new documents that had been prepared in the last week on disclosure of interest, review of the non-compliance procedures, and replenishment. In the discussion of this item, appreciation was expressed for the Secretariat's work in preparing clear documents for the consideration of the Parties.

V. Review of the agenda and presentation of a roadmap for the operation of the upcoming meetings

13. Mr. Paul Horwitz, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, introduced this item, noting, in particular, that after consideration of the heavy agenda, the likely need for a number of contact groups and the problems that this often caused for small delegations, the Co-chairs had decided to put forward a proposal for organization of the work that will involve, for Tuesday and Wednesday, holding plenary sessions in the morning and evening, and leaving 5 to 6 hours open in the afternoon for staggered contact group meetings. He expressed the hope that this would allow the work to get done in a manner that would allow smaller delegations to participate in more contact groups that they may have an interest in. To enable this procedure to work, he noted that the Co-chairs intended to move around on the agenda on Monday and Tuesday morning in an effort to enable

an initial discussion of the issues most likely to lead to contact groups by the end of the morning session on Tuesday. Finally, on this matter he noted that the Secretariat has taken the precaution of preparing for a night session on Friday, as such a Friday session had been needed in the last two joint Vienna Convention/Montreal Protocol meetings where replenishment has been discussed.

14. In closing, he noted that the Meeting of the Parties would have the rare privilege of the presence of the President of the Republic of Senegal, who has not only agreed to welcome the Parties on Thursday, but has also agreed to help out with the Vienna Convention awards ceremony.

15. The Bureaux expressed appreciation for the participation of the President of the Republic of Senegal at the meeting. The Bureaux members were informed that the President would like to meet briefly with the Bureaux members on Thursday after the opening segment was concluded.

VI. Other matters

16. The Vice-President from the Czech Republic noted that his country would be hosting a workshop on illegal trade in chemicals next February assuming conclusion of discussions on the strategic approach to international chemicals management early next year. No other matters were raised by Bureaux members.

17. The Secretariat expressed appreciation for the understanding of the Bureaux relative to the need for alternative times for the upcoming meetings, and it expressed the hope that this would obviate the need for a very late night session on Friday.

VII. Adoption of the report

18. The Secretariat was asked to finalise the report for the review of the President and the Bureaux.

VIII. Closure of the meeting

19. The President once again requested the assistance of the members of the Bureau in helping to ensure a successful seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention/Seventeenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, and he adjourned the meeting at 10.45 a.m.
