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OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF THE PARTIES TO
THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT
DEplete THE OZONE LAYER
Sixteenth meeting*
Montreal 9-12 September 1997

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting:

- (a) Statement by the representative of the Government of Canada;
- (b) Statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

2. Organizational matters:

- (a) Adoption of the agenda;
- (b) Organization of work.

3. Consideration of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to the Ninth Meeting of the Parties and the report of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties on the work of its fifteenth meeting, taking into account the report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the draft decisions proposed by the Secretariat on:

- (a) Implementation of the decisions of the Eighth Meeting of the Parties;
- (b) Status of ratification of the Montreal Protocol;

* Serving as the preparatory meeting for the Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

- (c) Other implementation matters:
 - (i) Implementation of the Protocol by the Parties;
 - (ii) Membership of the Implementation Committee;
 - (d) (i) Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol;
 - (ii) Membership of the Executive Committee;
 - (e) Consideration of the amendments and adjustments proposed by Parties relating to, inter alia, carbon tetrachloride, hydrochlorofluorocarbons and methyl bromide.
 - (f) Essential-use exemptions:
 - (i) Use of controlled substances and availability of alternatives for laboratory and analytical uses of ozone-depleting substances;
 - (ii) Quantity of controlled substances authorized under the essential-use process;
 - (iii) Development and implementation of national transition strategies in non-Article 5 Parties for non-CFC treatments of asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;
 - (iv) Allowing greater flexibility in the transfer of essential-use authorizations between Parties;
 - (v) Allowing the production of CFCs for medical applications on a periodic "campaign basis".
 - (f) Control of exports of ozone-depleting substances:
 - (i) Issues relating to trade in ozone-depleting substances and products containing ozone-depleting substances;
 - (ii) Use of customs codes for imports and exports of ozone-depleting substances.
4. Report of the Secretariat on information by the Parties in accordance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Montreal Protocol, and the report of the Implementation Committee on:
- (a) Revised formats for reporting data under Article 7 of the Protocol;
 - (b) Compliance with the Montreal Protocol by Latvia, Lithuania, the Russian Federation and others, if any.
5. Application of the Republic of Moldova for classification as a developing country.

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6. Consideration of the report of the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol:
 - (a) Action to improve the functioning of the Financial Mechanism;
 - (b) Study on technology transfer;
 - (c) Reducing the agency support costs of the Implementing Agencies of the Multilateral Fund;
 - (d) Term of membership of the Executive Committee.
7. Other issues arising out of the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the work of its fifteenth meeting.
8. Arrears in the contributions to the Multilateral Fund by the Parties not operating under Article 5 that had not ratified the London Amendment prior to the Eighth Meeting of the Parties.
9. Report by the Ozone Secretariat on utilization of the funds for the participation of experts from developing countries and countries with their economies in transition in the meetings of the Assessment Panels and the Technical Options Committees.
10. 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.
11. Financial report for 1996 and the revised 1998 and proposed 1999 budgets for the Montreal Protocol Trust Fund.
12. Date and venue of the seventeenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and the Tenth Meeting of the Parties.
13. Other matters.
14. Adoption of the report.
15. Closure of the meeting.
