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**Bureau of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties
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**Work to date on implementation of the decisions of the
Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties, held in New Delhi
from 30 October to 3 November 2006**

Overview of the working documents prepared for the
Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties

**Issues for discussion by the Bureau of the Eighteenth Meeting of
the Parties to the Montreal Protocol****Note by the Secretariat****Introduction**

1. Chapter I and annex I of the present note summarize the actions taken to date pursuant to the decisions adopted by the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, which was held in New Delhi, India, from 30 October to 3 November 2006. Chapter II and annex III to the present note provide an overview of the working documents prepared for both the preparatory and high-level segments of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties, which is to take place from 17 to 21 September 2007 in Montreal. Finally, chapter III provides information on the provisional agenda and a roadmap for the expected operation of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties and related activities.

**I. Actions taken pursuant to the decisions adopted by the
Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol**

2. The table contained in annex I to the present note provides a broad overview of the decisions adopted by the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties, the actions required of the Secretariat by those decisions and the actions taken pursuant to those decisions since the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties. With regard to those decisions and associated actions, the Secretariat would like to highlight two specific activities:

(a) Following the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties there have been no new ratifications of the Montreal Protocol. As a result, there are still only five States that have not ratified the Montreal Protocol: Andorra, the Holy See, Iraq, San Marino and Timor Leste. The Secretariat will continue to work in cooperation with Parties and institutions associated with these States in an effort to secure their ratification of the ozone treaties as soon as possible. The Parties may also wish to make the issue a priority in their bilateral contacts with these States, in the hope that the twentieth anniversary of the Montreal Protocol can be celebrated with global participation;

(b) Pursuant to decision XVIII/36, the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties decided to convene a two-day open-ended dialogue on key future challenges to be faced by the Montreal Protocol, immediately prior to the twenty-seventh-meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. As requested by the decision, the Ozone Secretariat worked with the appropriate Protocol bodies to collect information that it then presented to the Parties in a note prepared for the dialogue. The dialogue was held in Nairobi on 2 and 3 June 2007. A summary report on the dialogue by the co-chairs of the dialogue is set out in annex II to the present note. The report summarizes the key issues arising from the agenda for the dialogue. A full report of the dialogue prepared by the Secretariat was made available to all Parties as document UNEP/OzL.Pro/DKFC/1/3.

II. Overview of working documents prepared for the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties

3. A draft list of documents that will be available for the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties is set out in annex III to the present note.

4. The provisional agenda and a document containing draft decisions and proposed adjustments to the HCFC provisions of the Montreal Protocol were dispatched to the Parties in June 2007. With respect to the latter, six proposals for the adjustment of the Montreal Protocol were discussed by the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting, in June 2007. There was broad acceptance among the members of the Working Group that there had been a very substantial increase in the production and consumption of HCFCs over recent years, particularly in Article 5 Parties. In the light of the widely recognized impact that ozone-depleting substances could have on climate change, many representatives affirmed that there was a clear need to accelerate the timetable for the phase out of HCFCs. Among the recommendations made by the Working group was to encourage strongly Parties and relevant organizations to share their analyses and calculations regarding the various scenarios for accelerated HCFC phase-out contained in the proposed adjustments of the Protocol and to provide that information to the Secretariat for posting on the Secretariat website. Submissions already made on available analytical information on the proposals are posted on the website at http://ozone.unep.org/Meeting_Documents/mop/19mop/19mop-info.shtml.

5. The annotated provisional agenda and a note by the Secretariat on the issues for discussion and information for the attention of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/2 and Add.1) were dispatched to the Parties in July and August 2007, respectively. The Secretariat's note provides Parties with some background on the issues on the agenda, including, where relevant, a brief description of activity during the twenty-seventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group. Information obtained since the twenty-seventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group will be presented in a variety of new documents and reports.

III. Review of the agenda and roadmap for the operation of the Nineteenth meeting of the Parties

6. The agenda for the preparatory segment of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties includes a review of the substantive issues that are expected to be addressed at the end of the week during the high-level segment of the meeting. This includes decisions on the proposals for adjustment of the HCFC phase-out schedule, monitoring of transboundary movement of ozone-depleting substances and preventing illegal trade, essential uses of ozone-depleting substances, critical uses of methyl bromide, the Secretariat's budget, issues related to the future challenges to be faced by the Montreal Protocol and a number of other issues. In addition, the report of the Implementation Committee on its thirty-ninth meeting, which will take place for three days immediately before the Bureau meeting, is likely to include a number of recommended decisions related to compliance matters. The Secretariat expects the Committee's recommendations to be available in the six official United Nations languages for consideration during the preparatory segment as early as Tuesday, 18 September 2007.

7. This year's Meeting of the Parties will depart slightly from usual practice in that it will start with the opening of the high-level segment on 17 September 2007, which will be presided over by the President of the Bureau of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties until the new President and other members of the Bureau are elected later in the morning. This change has been deemed necessary because of the twentieth anniversary of the Montreal Protocol celebrations and the expected presence of high-level representatives of Governments and intergovernmental bodies who will attend to mark the occasion on the first day of the meeting. In accordance with the historic rotation of Bureau offices, and unless the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties decides otherwise, the President of the Bureau of the

Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties will be selected from the Asian group, while Vice-Presidents will be selected from the Eastern European, Latin American and Caribbean and Western European and Others groups. The Rapporteur will be selected from the African group.

8. The programme for the high-level segment of the Meeting of the Parties on 17 September 2007 will include opening speeches and the presentation of awards in recognition of outstanding contribution by some individuals to the protection of the ozone layer. After the opening ceremony and election of officers of the Bureau of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties, heads of the delegations will be invited to make statements. The high-level segment will be suspended and the preparatory segment will commence, chaired by the co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group. The high-level segment will resume on the morning of Thursday, 20 November, after which it is possible that the meeting will revert on occasion from the high-level segment to the preparatory segment, as may be deemed necessary, to enable completion of the work of the preparatory segment so that it may be considered for action during the high-level segment.

9. Given the large number of issues that are likely to require consideration by contact groups, the meeting schedule may be altered between Tuesday and Thursday to provide for morning and evening plenary sessions in order to leave several hours free in the middle of the day for contact groups to meet. Final arrangements in this regard will have to be determined during the meeting.

10. The high-level segment on Thursday will be presided over by the newly elected President of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties. The President will guide the Parties through the agenda for the segment, with the understanding that contact groups established during the preparatory segment might work in parallel with the high-level plenary sessions in an effort to resolve any outstanding issues by Friday, when decisions will have to be adopted.

Annex I

Actions taken pursuant to the decisions of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties as of July 2007

Dec.	Decision title	Action(s) required of the Secretariat	Actions taken by the Secretariat
XVIII/1	Membership of the Implementation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify new members Bolivia, Georgia, India, Netherlands and Tunisia as members of the Committee for two years 2007–2008 and New Zealand (President) and Tunisia (Vice President and Rapporteur) for 2007. 	Letters were sent to all concerned States in February 2007.
XVIII/2	Membership of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Guinea, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Saint Lucia, Sudan, Sweden, United States of America and Uruguay. Notify Mr. Phillipe Chemouny (Canada) as Chair and Mr. Nimaga Mamadou (Guinea) as Vice-Chair. 	Notification letters to all members were sent in January 2007.
XVIII/3	Co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify Ms. Marcia Levaggi (Argentina) and Mr. Mikkel Aaman Sorensen (Denmark). 	Notification letters were sent in January 2007 and the two co-chaired the twenty-seventh meeting of OEWG in June 2007.
XVIII/4	Co-chair of the Chemicals Technical Options Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise Mr. Biao Jiang (China). 	A notification letter was sent in January 2007.
XVIII/5	Financial matters: financial reports and budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urge Parties with outstanding contributions to the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol to pay their contributions promptly and in full. Inform the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting of sources of income and actual and projected expenditures and commitments and prepare an indicative report on all expenditures against agreed budget lines. 	Between January and February 2007, Parties were requested to pay their 2007 contributions and reminded to pay unpaid prior years' contributions. A brief indicative financial report on the actual and projected expenditures and commitments against budget lines for the 2007 budget of the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol was presented to OEWG at its twenty-seventh meeting in June 2007 as document UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/27/INF.3.
XVIII/6	Ratification of the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol and its amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urge States non-Parties to become Parties to the Convention and the Protocol and its amendments. 	Letters to concerned States were sent in December 2006 and reminders in February and April 2007. In May 2007, the Secretariat visited Andorra, the Holy See and San Marino to promote the ratification of the treaties.
XVIII/7	Essential use exemptions for Parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 for controlled substances for 2007 and 2008.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify concerned Parties of approved essential-use nominations and associated conditions. 	Concerned Parties were notified in January 2007.

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XVIII/8	Essential-use exemption for chlorofluorocarbon-113 for aerospace applications in the Russian Federation for 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify the Russian Federation of approved essential use and associated conditions. Notify the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) and its Chemicals Technical Options Committee of the request contained in paragraphs 3–8 of the decision. 	The Russian Federation was notified in January 2007 and TEAP and the Chemicals Technical Options Committee were requested to consider relevant elements of the decision as appropriate. The report of TEAP on the issue, as contained in paragraph 4.1.2 of the 2007 TEAP progress report, was considered by the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting, in June 2007, and reflected in paragraphs 45–46 of the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/27/9).
XVIII/9	Review of draft terms of reference for case studies under decision XVII/17 on environmentally sound destruction of ozone-depleting substances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund to develop consolidated terms of reference for a study on the collection, recovery, recycling, reclamation, transportation and destruction of unwanted ozone-depleting substances and provide a progress report to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties. 	A letter to the Chief Officer of the Multilateral Fund on this issue was sent in January 2007.
XVIII/10	Sources of carbon tetrachloride emissions and opportunities for reductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request TEAP to continue assessment of global emissions of carbon tetrachloride and prepare final report for consideration by the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties. 	TEAP was notified in January 2007. The report of TEAP on the issue, as contained in paragraph 4.1.4 of the 2007 TEAP progress report, was considered by the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting, in June 2007, and reflected in paragraphs 72–73 of the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/27/9).
XVIII/11	Sources of n-propyl bromide emissions, alternatives available and opportunities for reductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request the Scientific Assessment Panel (SAP) to update existing information on ozone-depleting potential (ODP) for n-propyl bromide and request TEAP to continue assessment of its global emissions and prepare a report for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting and the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties. 	SAP and TEAP were requested to consider relevant elements of the decision as appropriate. The report of TEAP on the issues is contained in paragraph 4.1.3 of the 2007 TEAP progress report and was considered by the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting, in June 2007, and reflected in paragraphs 74–79 of the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/27/9).
XVIII/12	Future work after workshop on the IPCC/TEAP special report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request TEAP to further assess the measures listed in the Ozone Secretariat’s workshop report on the IPCC/TEAP special report in the light of current and expected trends in ozone-depleting substance production and consumption with a focus on HCFCs, to report its findings to the Open-ended Working group at its twenty-seventh meeting and to present a final report to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties. 	TEAP was requested to consider relevant elements of the decision as appropriate. The report of TEAP on the issue was considered by the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting, in June 2007, and is reflected in paragraphs 80–92 of the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/27/9).
XVIII/13	Critical use exemption for methyl bromide for 2007 and 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify Parties concerned of approved critical use exemptions and associated conditions. 	Letters were sent out in January 2007.

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XVIII/14	Montreal Protocol/International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) cooperation on the use of alternatives to methyl bromide for quarantine and pre-shipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request TEAP to cooperate with the technical bodies of IPPC, identify technical issues and report results of its contacts and work to the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting. • Secretariat to continue liaising with IPPC secretariat as appropriate and report to Parties on secretariat-level cooperation and joint activities. • Encourage national level officials working on Montreal Protocol and International Plant Protection Convention issues to cooperate to ensure that the objectives of the two multilateral agreements are met. 	<p>TEAP was requested to consider relevant elements of the decision as appropriate.</p> <p>The Secretariat provided the IPPC secretariat factual information on the definitions of quarantine and pre-shipment under the Montreal Protocol and the IPPC.</p>
XVIII/15	Laboratory and analytical critical uses of methyl bromide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorize production and consumption of controlled substance in Annex E of the Protocol for non-Article 5 Parties necessary to satisfy laboratory and analytical critical uses subject to certain conditions. 	<p>Non-Article 5 Parties were notified in January 2007.</p>
XVIII/16	Difficulties faced by some Article 5 Parties manufacturing metered-dose inhalers which use CFCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund to consider funding projects for article 5 Parties experiencing difficulties in replacing CFC-based metered-dose inhalers due to high consumption of CFCs in order to facilitate transition from CFC-based metered dose inhalers. • Request the Implementation Committee to consider all possible options on how to address the potential non-compliance difficulties of some Article 5 Parties, particularly in the context of paragraph 4 of the non-compliance procedure of the Protocol. • Request TEAP to assess and report to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties on the need for, feasibility of, optimal timing of and recommended quantities for limited campaign production of CFCs exclusively for metered-dose inhalers in all Parties. 	<p>The decision was brought to the attention of the Fund Secretariat and TEAP in January 2007. TEAP's report on the issues is contained in the 2007 progress report in paragraphs 2.1–2.4.4, which was considered by the Open-ended Working Group meeting at its twenty-seventh meeting, in June 2007, and reflected in paragraphs 93–98 of the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/27/9). The Implementation Committee took this decision into account in its deliberations in June 2007 while considering the compliance situation of some Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5) and will continue to do so regarding non-compliance issues of Article 5 Parties resulting from use of high quantities of CFCs in the manufacture of metered-dose inhalers.</p>
XVIII/17	Treatment of stockpiled ozone-depleting substances relative to compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request the Secretariat to maintain a consolidated record of stockpiled ozone-depleting substances as a consequence of three scenarios recorded in the decision and incorporate that record in the documentation for the Implementation Committee. • New scenarios not covered in the decision are to be addressed by the Implementation Committee under the non-compliance procedure of the Protocol • Include the issue on the agenda of the twenty-first meeting of the Parties. 	<p>The Secretariat brought the updated record of ozone-depleting substance stockpiling to the attention of the Implementation Committee at its thirty-eighth meeting.</p>

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XVIII/18	Preventing illegal trade in ozone-depleting substances through systems for monitoring their transboundary movement between Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urge all Parties to implement fully Article 4B of the Protocol and related decisions of the Parties. • Encourage all Parties to consider taking effective action to improve monitoring of transboundary movement of controlled ozone-depleting substances. • Encourage the United Nations Environment Programme through its Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) to continue training ozone officers and customs officers on best practices and awareness raising in order to combat illegal trade. • Invite all Parties to submit written comments to the Secretariat by 31 March 2007 focussing on priorities with respect to medium- and longer-term options with a view to identifying cost-effective actions to be given priority by the Parties. The Secretariat is to compile the comments with respect to the medium- and longer-term options listed in the study on developing a system for monitoring the transboundary movement of controlled ozone-depleting substances between the Parties for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting and the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties. 	A letter notifying all Parties was sent out in February 2007. Written comments were submitted by Parties on priorities with respect to the medium- and longer-term options listed in the study on developing a system for monitoring the transboundary movement of controlled ozone-depleting substances between the Parties. Those comments are contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/27/6, which was considered by the Open-ended Working group at its twenty-seventh meeting, in June 2007, and reflected in paragraphs 158–165 of the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/27/9).
XVIII/19	Guidelines for disclosure of interest for groups such as TEAP and its technical options committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To replace paragraphs 5 and 6 of the TEAP code of conduct providing for TEAP, technical options committee and temporary subsidiary body members to disclose activities which might call into question their ability to discharge their duties and responsibilities objectively. • Notify TEAP that it is responsible for the interpretation of the code of conduct and that it must publish in its annual reports descriptions of the financial and other relevant interests of the members of TEAP and its subsidiary bodies. 	TEAP was notified of this decision in January 2007 and discussed it in paragraph 11.5 of its 2007 progress report.
XVIII/20	Non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol by Armenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write to Armenia, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to Armenia in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eight meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/1, contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).

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XVIII/21	Non-compliance in 2005 with the control measures governing consumption of carbon tetrachloride and methyl chloroform by the Democratic Republic of the Congo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eight meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/11, which is contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).
XVIII/22	Non-compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol governing consumption of CFCs by Dominica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to Dominica, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to Dominica in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/2, which is contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).
XVIII/23	Non-compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol governing consumption of methyl bromide by Ecuador and request for a plan of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to Ecuador, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to Ecuador in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/13, which is contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).
XVIII/24	Potential non-compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol governing consumption of CFCs by Eritrea and request for a plan of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to Eritrea, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to Eritrea in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/16, which is contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).
XVIII/25	Non-compliance with regard to the transfer of CFC production rights by Greece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify Greece of the decision. 	A letter was sent to Greece in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/18, which is contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).
XVIII/26	Revised plan of action to return Guatemala to compliance with the control measures in Article 2H of the Montreal Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to Guatemala, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to Guatemala in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/19, which is contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).
XVIII/27	Non-compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol governing consumption of carbon tetrachloride by the Islamic Republic of Iran and request for a plan of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to the Islamic Republic of Iran, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to the Islamic Republic of Iran in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/20, which is contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).
XVIII/28	Non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol by Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to Kenya, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to Kenya in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/22, which is contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).

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XVIII/29	Request for change in baseline data by Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify Mexico of the decision. 	A letter was sent to Mexico in January 2007.
XVIII/30	Non-compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol governing consumption of carbon tetrachloride by Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to Mexico, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to Mexico in January 2007.
XVIII/31	Non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol by Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to Pakistan, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to Pakistan in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/51, which is contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).
XVIII/32	Non-compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol governing consumption of CFCs and carbon tetrachloride by Paraguay and request for a plan of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to Paraguay, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to Paraguay in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/32, which is contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).
XVIII/33	Non-compliance with data-reporting requirements for the purpose of establishing baselines under paragraphs 3 and 8 ter (d) of Article 5 by Serbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to Serbia, with a copy to the implementing agencies. 	A letter was sent to Serbia in January 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/36, which is contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).
XVIII/34	Data and information provided by the Parties in accordance with Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to Parties with outstanding data (Cote d'Ivoire, Malta, Saudi Arabia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)), with copies to the implementing agencies; Encourage Parties to report data as soon as figures are available, preferably by 30 June each year. 	Letters were sent to Parties in January 2007. By June 2007, outstanding data for 2005 had been received from all listed Parties. The Implementation Committee reviewed the decision at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendations 38/10, 38/25, 38/35, 38/38, 38/49 and 38/50, respectively, which are contained in the report of that meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).
XVIII/35	Report on the establishment of licensing systems under Article 4B of the Montreal Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urge all remaining Parties to the Montreal Amendment to provide information on the establishment of licensing systems and urge those that have not yet established such systems to do so as a matter of urgency. Encourage all remaining Parties to the Protocol that have not yet ratified the Montreal Amendment to ratify it and to establish import and export licensing systems if they have not yet done so. Urge all Parties that already operate licensing systems to ensure that they are implemented and enforced effectively. 	Letters were sent to Parties in February 2007. The Implementation Committee reviewed the status of compliance with Article 4B of the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting, in June 2007, and adopted recommendation 38/53 (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/38/5).

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XVIII/36	Dialogue on key future challenges of the Montreal Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convene a two-day open-ended dialogue to discuss issues related to the key future challenges of the Montreal Protocol. 	A summary report of the dialogue prepared by the Secretariat has been disseminated to all parties as document UNEP/OzL.Pro/DKFC/1/3.
XVIII/37	Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify all Parties of the dates of the meeting at the appropriate time and make arrangements for holding the meeting in Montreal. 	The Secretariat visited Montreal in March 2007 and agreed with the Government of Canada on the terms of the host Government agreement for the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties, which will take place in Montreal from 17 to 21 September 2007. The invitation to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties was disseminated to all Parties in July 2007.

Annex II

Dialogue on key future challenges of the Montreal Protocol - a summary report by the co-chairs

Future challenges related to scientific assessment, analysis and monitoring of the state of the ozone layer

1. Under this item, there was a strong consensus that there was a need to ensure robust monitoring, assessment and analysis of scientific data, while various opinions were expressed on how funds might be mobilized to ensure that such activities remained at appropriate levels. Funding options ranged from relying on the voluntary trust fund under the Vienna Convention, to continuing with national and privately supported efforts, to obtaining funds from the Multilateral Fund.

Challenges in phasing out HCFCs

2. There was a good discussion on the issue in which all speakers seemed to express strong support for protecting the atmosphere in general, and the ozone layer in particular, and for considering carefully the six alternative proposed adjustments of the Protocol relating to the accelerated phase-out of HCFCs. Many participants suggested that alternatives for HCFCs were readily available, and that they should be considered on the basis of environmental soundness. Some mentioned concerns about some alternatives to HCFCs, saying that they must be economically viable, with many expressing support for seeking to avoid converting to HFCs due to their global warming potential but instead moving to natural alternatives. Article 5 parties said there was a need for financial assistance and a change in the Multilateral Fund's rules on HCFCs in order to enable them to implement sustainable conversions. On that note, several delegations expressed the desire to discuss difficulties that might be faced by Article 5 parties in phasing out HCFCs. Given the broad base of agreement, it appeared that the issues concerning a decision on how to move forward with HCFCs would be about details and that those details would be discussed during the 27th Open-ended Working Group meeting but generally speaking there was a positive trend during the dialogue in the direction of the protection of the planet and the ozone layer and through an accelerated phase-out of HCFCs.

Challenges related to the further management, control and/or phase-out of ozone depleting substances other than HCFCs

3. On the issue of key future policy challenges related to the further management, control and/or phase-out of ozone-depleting substances other than HCFCs, the parties touched on a wide range of matters including issues related to banks of ozone-depleting substances (including halons), exemptions for metered-dose inhalers, quarantine and preshipment exemptions, critical use exemptions for methyl bromide, feedstock and process agents. In the discussion there was a particular focus on four items: quarantine and preshipment, banks of ozone-depleting substances, CFC exemptions for metered-dose inhalers and critical use exemptions for methyl bromide.

4. Regarding the quarantine and preshipment exemption, the consensus seemed to be that it should only be used to address cases where there were no alternatives. The possibility of capping and or doing away with the exemption was highlighted by some, while the need to maintain it was highlighted by others. On the issue of banks, virtually all participants recognized that their size meant they could not be ignored, and that dealing with them could produce both ozone and climate benefits. There were, however, different ideas on how they might be dealt with, with some promoting using them to service existing equipment and thereby obviating the need for new production, and others suggesting that they be dealt with through emissions reductions or destruction. There was a general understanding that dealing with banks through emission controls or destruction under the Montreal Protocol could require the development of a new legal framework. The issue of providing funds for addressing the possible destruction of banks or contaminated ozone-depleting substances was discussed, with some suggesting that funding should come from the Multilateral Fund and others suggesting that any destruction work should be coordinated with other international forums which had more experience in related matters. Regarding essential and critical use exemptions, many noted the positive trend with respect to metered-dose inhalers and methyl bromide, although some said that methyl bromide critical use exemption numbers were still too high. Some expressed support for campaign production of CFCs for metered-dose inhalers, while others expressed concern about related costs and the lack of certainty of supply. Finally, there were several comments noting the importance of sustaining Article 5 Party capacity and

networking, and the need to pay close attention to halon banks given that phase-out was at an advanced stage.

Sustaining compliance, maintaining enforcement and combating illegal trade beyond 2010

5. The dialogue participants held a robust discussion on issues relating to sustaining compliance, maintaining enforcement, and combating illegal trade beyond 2010. Many ongoing activities were noted. All participants agreed on the importance of addressing illegal trade, both currently and beyond 2010, and virtually all spoke of the continuing need to support Article 5 Party efforts in the areas of further customs training and enforcement of the requirements of the Montreal Protocol. Many ideas were voiced regarding possible ways to enhance existing systems designed to address illegal trade, including improving coordination and sharing of intelligence, imposing meaningful penalties and strengthening licensing schemes. At least one party suggested that it would issue a specific proposal on the issue. There were, however, differing opinions on the importance of new actions as opposed to ensuring full and robust implementation of existing decisions, including those related to full compliance with the provisions of the Montreal Amendment and those related to ensuring that robust licensing systems, including both import and export licenses for all ozone-depleting substances, were in operation in all countries. Many parties discussed the issue of prior informed consent and many supported either formal or informal mechanisms for sharing information on movements of ozone-depleting substances. Finally, some Parties mentioned the need for clear guidance and support related to dealing with seized ozone-depleting substances.

Improving cooperation and coordination of the Montreal Protocol with other multilateral environmental agreements and processes

6. There appeared to be consensus that appropriate cooperation and synergy with other multilateral environmental agreements was fundamental and was desired by all participants. It was, however, more difficult to reach agreement on the question of how that cooperation should take place. Some suggested that this cooperation should take place broadly and on a continuous basis, while others suggested that it should be done on a case by case basis and only with approval of the Parties. Still other suggestions included having a role for the Secretariat in monitoring and reporting on relevant activities in other multilateral forums, and providing more resources to the Ozone Secretariat on this matter, the Secretariat clarified that in noting its limitation for cooperation, it was not suggesting a need for further resources. Others stressed the importance of ensuring coordination of positions at the national level among their experts participating in the various environmental forums, saying that it was critical to ensuring appropriate consistency in positions. It was also recognized that the work of the implementing agencies in Article 5 Parties could play a vital role in providing valuable information to those Parties on what was happening in other environmental forums and in ensuring that their activities were being carried out consistent with other environmental goals.

The future of the Multilateral Fund after 2010

7. There were a large number of contributions on this agenda item. All of the speakers underscored the important role of the financial mechanism – in particular the Multilateral Fund. Parties operating under Article 5 all underscored the important role of the Fund in the face of the significant remaining work and what were considered to be increasing challenges. Several delegations underscored the importance of continuing the Fund and said that it was necessary to eliminate obstacles to accessing funds at what was a critical juncture. It was also said that the replenishment of the Fund should continue and be based on the phase-out schedules that had been agreed by the Parties. In that regard, there would be a clear need to review the role of the Fund in the post-2010 timeframe and replenishments would need to be agreed in line with the Montreal Protocol obligations. Some delegations noted the possibility for the Fund to work with other conventions or institutions, particularly when ozone work was trending down, but it was recognized that this would require a very thorough and careful study. The issue about a potential change to the number of annual Executive Committee meetings was also noted.

Administration and institutional issues related to the Montreal Protocol, including issues related to the Meeting of the Parties, the assessment panels, the Implementation Committee and the Ozone Secretariat

8. Virtually all participants speaking on this matter expressed great appreciation and thanks for the institutions of the Montreal Protocol, and it was agreed that those bodies had underpinned the success of the Montreal Protocol and made it the notable multilateral environmental agreement that it is. Many delegates expressed the desirability of optimizing the efficiency of all Protocol instrumentalities and many expressed an interest in planning towards that goal, particularly for changes that might take place, if useful, in the timeframe of 2010 and beyond. In that regard, a number of delegations expressed a

willingness to initiate analysis of the possible future functions and tasks of the Montreal Protocol and the arrangements of institutions that would support those future functions and tasks. Other delegations, however, made clear that there was still significant work left in the near term, that there were many uncertainties about the future, and that those factors dictated caution and the need for the Protocol's institutions to remain stable in the near term. There were specific recommendations regarding the need for an additional day for supporting the work of the implementation committee in the near term. In the context of finding ways to make protocol operations more efficient, there were also concrete proposals about incorporating the work of the Open-ended Working Group into that of the Meeting of the Parties and merging the high level and preparatory segments of the meetings of the Parties. Strong support was expressed for maintaining the scientific assessment and analytical capacity that guided the Parties' decisions. Some suggested that the Parties should consider opportunities to reduce the number or form of meetings and reports from the technical options committees.

Annex III**Draft list of documents for the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties**

UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/2 and Add.1	Note by the Secretariat: Issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/3	Draft decisions and proposed adjustments
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/4	Report of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/5	Revised approved 2007 and proposed 2008 and 2009 budgets of the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/5/Add.1	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 for the first year of the biennium 2006–2007 and expenditures for 2006 as compared to the approved budgets
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/6	Information provided by Parties in accordance with Article 7
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/INF/1	List of documents
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/INF/2	Status of ratifications
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/INF/3	Information on licensing systems and focal points for licensing systems
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/INF/4	Consolidated issues paper by the co-chairs of the contact group on proposals for accelerated phase-out of HCFCs
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/INF/4/Add.1	Report of the co-chairs of the contract group on informal consultations held in Montreal on 28 July 2007
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/INF/5	Progress report of the Executive Committee on the study on the treatment of unwanted ozone-depleting substances
UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/INF/6	List of participants
