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**Bureau of the Eighteenth Meeting of the  
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that Deplete the Ozone Layer**  
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**Report of the meeting of the Bureau of the Eighteenth Meeting of the  
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Layer**

**Introduction**

1. The Bureau of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer met at the Palais des Congrès, Montreal, on 15 September 2007.

**I. Opening of the meeting**

2. The meeting was called to order at 1.30 a.m. on Saturday, 15 September by Mr. Khizar Hayat (Pakistan), Vice-President of the Bureau, acting as Chairman in place of Mr. Didace Bokiaga Pembe (Democratic Republic of the Congo), President of the Bureau, who had been unable to attend at the last moment. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau, who had been elected to their posts by the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol or had been nominated by their Governments pursuant to rule 24 of the rules of procedure:

Mr. Paul Krajnik (Austria)  
Mr. Justin Tshikudi Muepu (Democratic Republic of the Congo)  
Mr. Juan Tomas Filpo (Dominican Republic)  
Mr. Khizar Hayat (Pakistan)  
Mr. Evgeny Varganov (Russian Federation)

3. A full list of participants is given in the annex to the present report.

**II. Adoption of the agenda**

4. The provisional agenda of the meeting, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.18/Bur.1/1, was adopted as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. 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.
4. Overview of the working documents prepared for the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.
5. Arrangements for and expected operation of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.

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

5. A representative of the Ozone Secretariat drew the attention of the meeting to Annex I of the note by the Secretariat contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.18/Bur.1/2, which showed that the previous Meeting of the Parties had adopted 37 decisions, and listed the actions taken in response to them.

6. He highlighted that more than one third of the decisions had related to issues taken up by the Implementation Committee, primarily dealing with non-compliance. Indeed, the increased workload of that Committee was making it necessary to seek to increase the number of days on which it met each year, a factor which needed to be taken account when regional groupings selected members for that important body. A further three of the decisions taken by the Parties had related to methyl bromide, and four to CFCs.

7. He pointed out that it was a matter of great concern that the level of data reporting under article 7 of the Protocol had reached only about two-thirds, with 127 out of 191 Parties reporting by the time of the current meeting.

8. The Bureau took note of the information contained in Annex I of document UNEP/OzL.Pro.18/Bur.1/2 and of the details added by the representative of the Ozone Secretariat.

### **IV. Overview of the working documents prepared for the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties**

9. The same representative of the Ozone Secretariat drew the attention of the meeting to Annex II of document UNEP/OzL.Pro.18/Bur.1/2, which contained a summary by the Co-chairs of the two-day Dialogue that had taken place in June 2007 on key future challenges facing the Montreal Protocol. He pointed out that the challenges identified were expressed as the sub-headings of that annex.

10. He added that Annex III of the same document contained the list of the documents for the Meeting of the Parties as it had stood at the time the document had been prepared. Since then, three more information documents had been added on various scenarios for accelerated phase-out of HCFCs; as well as one on the study regarding the treatment of unwanted ozone-depleting substances.

11. The Bureau took note of the information contained in Annex II of document UNEP/OzL.Pro.18/Bur.1/2 and of the further information provided by the representative of the Ozone Secretariat.

## **V. Arrangements for and expected operation of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol**

12. The representative of the Ozone Secretariat explained that the forthcoming Meeting of the Parties would depart from normal practice, in that it would begin with a high-level segment on Monday, 17 September. The change had been made so that the ministers attending the segment could also take part in the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol, including the seminar which would take place on Sunday, 16 September, International Ozone Day. The high-level segment on 16 September would begin with statements by the Environment Minister of Canada, by the Executive Director of UNEP and by the President of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties, followed by presentation of awards to outstanding contributors to the success of the Montreal Protocol and special recognition of the 1995 Nobel laureates.

13. That would be followed by the elections to the Bureau of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties. Then a proposal would be made for the organization of the work, which would entail the convening of contact groups on HCFC adjustment, on the terms of reference for the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund, and on the question of recasting the institutions of the Montreal Protocol, all to meet in parallel while statements were being made by the heads of delegations during the Monday afternoon.

14. The preparatory segment would start in the morning of Tuesday, 18 September and continue until lunchtime. It would then be suspended, and the high-level segment would continue in the afternoon. The preparatory segment would continue on the Wednesday and Thursday, and then the high-level segment would resume on the Friday to adopt the decisions of the Parties and the report of the meeting.

15. The Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, amplifying the information given, explained that there had been two fundamental purposes in making the change in the layout of the week. Firstly, it was intended to maximize political exposure at the 20th anniversary, and to ensure media coverage around the world. The second intention had been to maximize the high-level attendance at the anniversary, and he was happy to report that an unprecedented 75 ministers and vice-ministers had confirmed their intention to be present.

16. Over and above the events taking place on the Sunday, he pointed out that the new design for the meeting had had the effect of creating a three-day high-level segment—Monday, Tuesday and Friday—in place of the two days in the past.

17. Furthermore, the present Saturday's all-day discussion of the issues surrounding proposals for accelerated phase-out of HCFCs had given the Parties an additional six hours in which to deliberate. Having attended part of the debate, he was cautiously optimistic that a consensus was emerging on the need for a step-by-step reduction, although it had to be said that there was also a growing awareness of the difficulties involved. With that level of technical agreement, the next step would be to ensure the political will to carry through.

18. The Bureau took note of the information contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.18/Bur.1/2 and of the further information provided by the representatives of the Ozone Secretariat.

## **VI. Other matters**

19. There were no other matters to be discussed.

## **VII. Adoption of the report**

20. The Chairman announced that the report would be drafted by the Secretariat and circulated to the participants within the next few days. After incorporation of their comments, it would be finalized for their approval.

## **VIII. Closure of the meeting**

21. The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.10 p.m.

## Annex

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