

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON A PROTOCOL CONCERNING CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS

(Proposal based on discussions in the informal drafting group)

Noting with appreciation that a Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer was opened for signature in Vienna on 22 March 1985;

Considering that the Convention is an important step to protect the Ozone Layer from modifications due to human activities;

Noting that Article 2 of the Convention establishes an obligation to take appropriate measures to protect human health and the environment against adverse effects resulting or likely to result from human activities which modify or are likely to modify the ozone layer;

Recognizing the possibility that world-wide emissions of fully-halogenated chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other chlorine-containing substances can significantly deplete and otherwise modify the ozone layer, leading to potentially adverse effects on human health, crops, marine life, materials and climate and recognizing at the same time the need to further assess possible modifications and their potentially adverse effects;

Mindful of the precautionary measures for controlling emissions of CFCs that have already been taken at national and regional levels, but recognizing that such measures might not be sufficient for protecting the ozone layer;

Determined therefore to continue negotiations on the development of a protocol to control global production and emissions of CFCs;

Mindful that special consideration should be given to the particular situation of developing countries;

Noting the considerable progress made by the Ad-Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts for the Elaboration of a Global Framework Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer to develop a protocol concerning CFCs, but further noting that the Working Group was not in a position to complete its work on the protocol:

1. Pending the entry into force of the Convention, requests the Executive Director of UNEP on the basis of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group, to convene a Working Group to continue work on a protocol that addresses both short and long term strategies to control global production and emission of CFCs, taking into account the particular situation of developing countries as well as updated scientific and economic research;
2. Urges all interested parties, in order to facilitate work on a protocol, to cooperate in studies leading to a more common understanding of potential scenarios for global productions and emissions of CFCs and other substances affecting the ozone layer and the costs and effects of various control measures, and to this end, requests such parties to sponsor, under the patronage of UNEP, a workshop on this subject.

3. Requests the Working Group, in further developing a protocol, to take into account inter alia the next report of CCOL as well as the assessment of the current understanding of the physical and chemical processes which control atmospheric ozone;

4. Authorizes the Executive Director, in consultation with the signatories prior to the 14th session of the UNEP Governing Council and pending the entry into force of the Convention, to convene a Diplomatic Conference for the purpose of adopting such a protocol;

5. Appeals to signatories and other interested parties to the Convention participating in the preparation of a protocol to make available financial means to support activities envisaged under the paragraphs above;

6. Agrees that all nations and regional economic integration organizations pending entry into force of the protocol, should endeavour to control production and further reduce their use of CFCs especially in aerosols to the maximum extent possible and, in particular for industrialized countries, by at least 50 percent of such use in their year of maximum use in aerosols prior to the date of this resolution that in particular, industrialized countries should improve their present performance