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OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF THE PARTIES TO
THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT
DEplete THE OZONE LAYER
Twentieth meeting
Geneva, 11-13 July 2000

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work.
3. Presentation of the reports of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on:
 - (a) Emissions of ozone-depleting substances from feedstock applications (decision X/12);
 - (b) Applications for essential-use exemptions for ozone-depleting substances for the year 2001 and beyond.
4. Presentation of the reports of the Scientific Assessment Panel and Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on:
 - (a) n-propyl bromide (decision X/8, para. 5 (a));
 - (b) Halon-1202 (decision X/8, para. 5 (b));
 - (c) New ozone-depleting substances (decision IX/24, paras. 3 and 4).
5. Other issues arising out of the report of the Technology and Economic Assessments Panel.

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6. Review of hydrochlorofluorocarbon control measures for Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 (decision VII/3, para. 3).
7. Use of ozone-depleting substances as process agents (decision X/14) (proposal by India).
8. Assessment by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of a long-term strategy for the collection, storage, disposal and destruction of ozone-depleting substances and equipment containing ozone-depleting substances.
9. Measures to facilitate the transition from chlorofluorocarbon-based metered-dose inhalers (proposal by the European Community).
10. Issues arising out of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Implementation Committee.
11. Other matters.
12. Adoption of the report.
13. Closure of the meeting.

B. Annotations

Item 1

1. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 11 July 2000, at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais des Nations. Registration of participants will start at 9 a.m. the same day.

Item 2 (a)

2. The above provisional agenda will be before the participants for adoption. The Co-Chairs of the meeting will be Mr. John W. Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda) and Mr. Milton Catelin (Australia), as decided by the Parties in decision XI/10.

Item 2 (b)

3. The participants may wish to carry out their work in plenary and draw up a specific timetable for the work under the various items on the agenda.

Item 3 (a)

4. At the Tenth Meeting of the Parties, in Cairo in 1998, in decision X/12, the Parties requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to carry out further investigations on emissions of carbon tetrachloride and other ozone-depleting substances from feedstock uses, including currently available and future possible options that individual Parties may consider for the reduction of such emissions. The Panel was also requested to investigate the impact of CFC production phase-out on the future use of carbon tetrachloride as feedstock and emissions from such use. The

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Panel's report on these matters has been communicated to all the Parties.

Item 3 (b)

5. The following four Parties have submitted nominations for essential-use exemptions for approval in 2000 by the Twelfth Meeting of the Parties: Australia, European Community, Poland and United States of America. The recommendations of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on these nominations are contained in the reports of the Panel communicated to the Parties.

Item 4 (a), (b) and (c)

6. At the Tenth Meeting of the Parties, in Cairo in 1998, in decision X/8, the Parties requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Scientific Assessment Panel, taking into account, as appropriate, assessments carried out under decision IX/24, to collaborate in undertaking further assessments (a) to determine whether substances such as n-propyl bromide, with a very short atmospheric lifetime of less than one month, pose a threat to the ozone layer; (b) to identify the sources and availability of halon-1202; and (c) to report on new ozone-depleting substances. The report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on these issues is summarized in a note by the secretariat (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/20/2). The Scientific Assessment Panel will report to the Working Group.

Item 5

7. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel has conducted a self-assessment of its operation and made a number of suggestions for consideration. A summary of those suggestions is contained in a note by the secretariat (UNEP/OzL.Pro/WG.1/20/2).

Item 6

8. At the Seventh Meeting of the Parties, in Vienna in 1995, in decision VII/3, paragraph 3, the Parties agreed to consider, by 2000, the need for further adjustments to the phase-out schedule for hydrochlorofluorocarbons for Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5. As a result of this decision, the European Community has submitted a proposal for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group, which is separately communicated to all Parties as document UNEP/OzL.Pro/WG.1/20/2/Add.1.

Item 7

9. The secretariat has received the following proposal from India for discussion under this item:

"TEAP report of 1997 shows that process agents by definition are distinct and different from feedstock use of controlled substances. Under the Protocol, all ozone-depleting substances which are not feedstock are automatically controlled and subject to phase-out.

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"Decision X/14 of the Tenth Meeting of the Parties on process agents clarifies that the term process agents in the Protocol should be understood to mean the "use" of controlled substances for the applications listed in table A annexed to that decision. With respect to Article 5 Parties, decision X/14 stipulated that the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund should develop guidelines for the financial assistance to be extended to them to reduce the emissions or phase out the use in their processes based on a cost-effective range of options.

"For non-Article 5 Parties, decision X/14 allows the continued use of controlled substances for production of identified processes indefinitely beyond their phase-out deadline subject to their operating at insignificant levels of emissions. Also, the decision retrospectively allowed the treatment of use of controlled substances as process agents similar to feedstock for 1998.

"The twenty-ninth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund decided in decision 29/24 that no project will be eligible for assistance from the Multilateral Fund on the basis of retroactive funding. At that meeting one member of the Executive Committee observed that the assumption that process agents were not controlled substances before 1998 was incorrect and added that the status of process agents had been controversial during the period 1992-1998.

"According to some Parties, decision X/14 of the Parties to the Protocol as well as decision 29/24 of the Executive Committee do not give Article 5 Parties an equitable grace period for their phase-out as extended to non-Article 5 Parties and for determination of their base-line period for the emission reduction. Under the circumstances, it is desired that the Parties clarify these issues and for this purpose all interested Parties may join together to form a contact group to work out the modalities and arrive at a decision at the Twelfth Meeting of the Parties to clarify the position".

The meeting may wish to discuss India's proposal.

Item 8

10. The Executive Committee, at its thirtieth meeting, held from 29 to 31 March 2000, discussed a proposal to study a long-term strategy for collection, storage, disposal and destruction of ozone-depleting substances and equipment containing such substances in Article 5 Parties. The Executive Committee decided to defer the proposal until related issues to which it gave rise had been addressed by the Open-ended Working Group. Some members of the Committee felt that the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel could study the experience of non-Article 5 Parties in this regard. The meeting may wish to discuss this issue.

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Item 9

11. The European Community has requested that this item be placed on the agenda. The Community's note on this proposal will be communicated to all Parties shortly.

Item 10

12. The President of the Implementation Committee under the non-compliance procedure for the Montreal Protocol will be reporting to the meeting on issues considered by the Committee at its meeting on 10 July 2000.

Item 11

13. The participants may wish to raise other matters for discussion.

Item 12

14. The draft report of the meeting will be presented for adoption at the conclusion of the meeting.

Item 13

15. The meeting is expected to close in the afternoon on 13 July 2000.
