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THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT
DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

Twenty-third meeting
Montreal, Canada, 7-11 July 2003

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work.
3. Presentation of the 2002 assessment reports of the Scientific, Environmental Effects and Technology and Economic Assessment Panels (article 6 of the Montreal Protocol and decision XI/17).
4. Consideration and consolidation of any amendments and adjustments proposed by the Parties (article 9 of the Vienna Convention and article 2(9) of the Montreal Protocol).
5. Consideration of the 2003 report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on:
 - (a) Nominations by the Parties for essential-use exemptions for controlled substances (decision IV/25(6));
 - (b) Nominations for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide (decisions IX/6(2) and XIII/11);
 - (c) Evaluation of alternatives to methyl bromide for quarantine and preshipment treatment and estimation of quantities that would be replaced (decision IX/13(4));
 - (d) Options for the continued supply of hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) to article 5 Parties in the light of the production freeze by non-article 5 Parties effective 2004 (decision XI/28);
 - (e) Assessment of the portion of refrigerants used for chillers in the total consumption of the refrigeration service sector made up by chillers and any incentives and impediments to the transition to non-chlorofluorocarbon equipment (decision XIV/9);

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- (f) Status of destruction technologies for ozone-depleting substances and code of good housekeeping (decision XIV/6(4));
 - (g) Other issues arising out of the 2003 report.
6. Further specific interim reductions on methyl bromide for the period beyond 2005 applicable to article 5 Parties (decision IX/5 (1)(e)).
 7. Update on the request by Parties to the Global Environment Facility to clarify its future commitment to provide continued assistance to countries with economies in transition with respect to all ozone-depleting substances (decision XII/14).
 8. Update on the consideration of the use of the United Nations global harmonized system for the classification and labeling of chemicals that deplete the ozone layer (decision XIV/8(b)).
 9. Terms of reference and modalities for the evaluation and review, by 2004, of the financial mechanism established by article 10 of the Montreal Protocol (decision XIII/3).
 10. Update on the information submitted by the Parties for a global database concerning inhaler treatments for asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease that contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) or that do not contain CFCs (decision XIV/5(1)).
 11. Issues arising out of the thirtieth meeting of the Implementation Committee.
 12. Other matters.
 13. Adoption of the report.
 14. Closure of the meeting.
