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Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer**  
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**Report on the response to the arrangement under paragraph 2 of  
decision XV/15 for earlier reporting of consumption and  
production data and on its beneficial effect on the work of the  
Implementation Committee**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. Decision XV/15 of the Meeting of the Parties encouraged the Parties to forward data on consumption and production of ozone-depleting substances preferably by 30 June each year, rather than by 30 September, as is currently required by paragraph 3 of Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol. This would enable the Implementation Committee to make their recommendations on non-compliance issues in good time for the Meeting of the Parties later in the year. Paragraph 1 of decision XV/15 encourages the Parties to do so, whereas paragraph 4 of decision XIV/13 strongly urges them to report consumption and production data as soon as the figures are available, rather than wait until the final deadline of 30 September each year.

2. Paragraph 2 of decision XV/15 further requests the Secretariat to report to the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties on the response to the above encouragement, as well as its beneficial effect on the work of the Implementation Committee, with a view to helping the Parties to decide on the usefulness of an amendment to the Protocol to give legal effect to paragraph 1 of decision XV/15 at the earliest opportunity.

\* UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/24/1.

3. The table below shows the number of Parties that have reported annually the data on ozone-depleting substances under Article 7 of the Protocol by 30 June, for the period 2000 to 2004. As can be seen, following the encouragement contained in decisions XIV/13 and XV/15, to report data before 30 June, there has been a significant increase in the number of Parties that have done so in 2004.

Table: Number of Parties that have reported data under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol, by year and by date of reporting

Year of ODS data	Number of reports received by the closing date of the ImpCom Data Report				Number of reports received by the date provided in Decision XV/15				Total number of Parties required to report
	Actual date	non-A5	A5	Total	Actual date	non-A5	A5	Total	
1999	15.6.2000	11	34	45	30.6.2000	12	37	49	167
2000	15.6.2001	12	35	47	30.6.2001	13	39	52	170
2001	17.6.2002	12	39	51	30.6.2002	12	43	55	177
2002	5.6.2003	14	44	58	30.6.2003	14	48	62	179
2003	7.6.2004	16	47	63	30.6.2004	26	69	95	182

4. The 95 Parties that had reported data by 30 June 2004 were as follows : Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Comoros, Congo Republic, Congo D.R., Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Rep., Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, European Community, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Lithuania, Luxembourg, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Syria, Tanzania, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Vanuatu and Viet Nam.

5. Regarding the beneficial effect of earlier ODS reporting on the work of the Implementation Committee, it should be noted that the Committee holds two meetings each year, the first one in the middle of the year and the second one towards the end of the year, usually immediately prior to the annual Meeting of the Parties.

6. To facilitate the work of the Implementation Committee, the Secretariat prepares a status report, for each of its meetings, on ODS reporting by the Parties under Article 7, with an analysis on the status of compliance of the control measures of the Protocol.

7. The status report prepared by the Secretariat for the consideration of the Implementation Committee at its first meeting in the middle of the year, covers only those reports which were submitted to the Secretariat before the closing date of the report, which is about three months before the deadline for reporting ODS data specified by the Protocol, and 2-3 weeks before the date specified in decision XV/15.

8. The table above also shows the actual number of reports that were available to the Secretariat when it prepared the report on the status of compliance for consideration by the Implementation Committee in mid-year.