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**Second Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to
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**Background information for the second Extraordinary
Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol**

1. The Parties assembled at their sixteenth Meeting took decision XVI/46, which called for an extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to be held in conjunction with the twenty-fifth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties. Accordingly, the second Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties has been scheduled for 1 July 2005, immediately following the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.
2. The sixteenth Meeting of the Parties agreed the following agenda for the Second Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties:

Provisional agenda for the second Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties

1. Opening of the Meeting.
 2. Organizational Matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work.
 3. Review of the critical-use nominations for methyl bromide for 2006.
 4. Adoption of the report of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties.
 5. Closure of the Meeting.
3. There is only one substantive issue on the agenda for the second Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties: "Review of the critical-use nominations for methyl bromide for 2006" (item 3 of the provisional agenda). Directly related to that agenda item is decision XVI/2 of the sixteenth Meeting of the Parties, entitled "Critical use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2005 and 2006". A copy of that decision is attached. In that decision, the Parties granted final approval to the supplementary critical-use levels for 2005 set forth in sections IA and IB of the Annex to that decision, and to certain

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specific 2006 critical-use nominations as set forth in sections IIA and IIB of the annex to the decision.

4. The sixteenth Meeting of the Parties, however, agreed to grant only interim approval for certain specific nominations until the second Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties was held. Accordingly, the sixteenth Meeting of the Parties decided, in paragraph 9 of decision XVI/2, to review, at the second Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties, those portions of the 2006 critical-use nominations which they had approved on an interim basis. The sixteenth Meeting also agreed to review those 2006 critical-use nominations which had been identified in the October 2004 report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) as “unable to assess”. Accordingly, those two categories of 2006 critical-use nominations will be reviewed at the second Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties. A specific list of the uses agreed on an interim basis, and those which had been identified by TEAP as “unable to assess”, are included in the two tables below.

2006 nominations approved in the interim as contained in section III of the annex to decision XVI/2

Party	2006 Approved critical-use nominations under paragraph 5 (metric tonnes)
Australia	Cut flowers – bulbs – protected (1.75); rice – consumer packs (6.15); strawberry runners (7.5)
Canada	Flour mills (6.974); Pasta manufacturing facilities (2.057);
France	Cut flowers, bulbs – protected and open field (8.25); eggplant (5.5); melon (4.0); mills and processors (5); tomato (12.1);
Israel	Cut flowers – protected (63); dates - postharvest (0.689); melon protected – in field (42.6); seed production (22)
Italy	Artefacts (0.275); cut flowers – bulbs – protected (63); eggplant – protected (44); melon – protected (4); peppers – protected (30); strawberry fruit – protected (80); tomato – protected (333)
Japan	Peppers – green (65.6); peppers – hot (9.3)
New Zealand	Strawberry fruit (8); strawberry runners (2)
Spain	Cut flowers – Cadiz/Sevilla – protected (11); cut flowers (Cataluña – carnation, protected and open field (3.6);
United Kingdom	Strawberry fruit (9.1)
United States of America	Dry commodities/structures (cocoa beans) (15.38); dry commodities/structures (processed foods, herbs and spices, and cheese processing facilities) (27.091); eggplant – field (20.933); mills and processors (111.139); orchard replant (300.394); peppers – field (694.497); strawberry fruit – field (397.597); tomato – field (627.552)

2006 nominations identified as “unable to assess” in the October 2004 report of TEAP on critical-use nominations for methyl bromide

Party	MBTOC reference number	Industry	Quantity nominated (metric tonnes)
Israel	-	Furniture – imported	1.422
Italy	It5-N8	Mills and processors	130
USA	US56N8	Ornamentals	162.817
USA	CUN2003/048, US56N6	Smokehouse ham	135.742

5. In accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of decision XVI/2, the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee (MBTOC) is in the process of reviewing the nominations listed in the two tables above, using the new MBTOC review procedures which the Parties adopted at their sixteenth Meeting, and on the basis of all relevant information received.

6. TEAP will report the findings of the review to the Parties in the form of an interim report by 30 April 2005 and in the form of a final report by 15 May 2005. Those findings will then be considered at the second Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties.

7. A note by the Secretariat will be issued immediately after the TEAP report is finalized for the further information of and consideration by the Parties.

8. The Parties should note that the second Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties is scheduled for one day only. Also, as is noted in the invitation letter to the Meeting, the rules of procedure which apply to the extraordinary meetings of the Parties provide that the credentials of representatives and the names of any alternative representatives and advisers should be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Meeting, if possible, not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation should also be submitted to the Executive Secretary. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.
