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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE  
VIENNA CONVENTION FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF THE OZONE  
LAYER

Fourth meeting  
San José, 25 November 1996

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting:
  - (a) Opening remarks by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting;
  - (b) Statement by the representative of the Government of Costa Rica;
  - (c) Statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);
  - (d) Statement by the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Election of the President, three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (c) Organization of work;

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- (d) Credentials of representatives.
3. Consideration of the recommendations of the Preparatory Meeting and decisions on increased funding for the Global Ozone Observing System (GO<sub>3</sub>OS) in developing countries and financial report for 1994-1995 and the proposed budgets for the Vienna Convention Trust Fund for the years 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 and other issues.
  4. Date and venue of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
  5. Other matters.
  6. Adoption of the report.
  7. Closure of the meeting.

#### ANNOTATIONS

##### Item 1

The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 25 November 1996 at Hotel Herradura, Resort and Conference Center, San José. The registration of participants will begin at 9 a.m.

The meeting will be preceded by a Preparatory Meeting, held at the same venue, on Tuesday, 19 November 1996. That meeting will also start at 10 a.m., with registration of participants beginning at 9 a.m.

##### Item 2 (a)

Rule 21, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, provides that:

"At the commencement of the first session of each ordinary meeting, a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting.

They will serve as the officers of the meeting. In electing its officers, the Conference of the Parties

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shall have due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. The offices of the President and Rapporteur of the Conference of the Parties shall normally be subject to rotation among the five groups of States referred to in section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, by which the United Nations Environment Programme was established."

A Party from Asian Group presided over the Conference at its third meeting, while a Party from Africa served as Rapporteur. On the basis of rotation according to English alphabetical order among the five groups of States referred to in General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), a Party from the Eastern European Group may be elected to preside over the fourth meeting, and a Party from the Asian Group elected as Rapporteur, unless the Conference decides otherwise. Three Vice-Presidents may be elected from the African, Latin American and Caribbean and Western European and Others group.

Item 2 (b)

The above provisional agenda will be before the Conference for adoption.

Item 2 (c)

The Conference may wish to carry out its work in plenary and to draw up a specific timetable for the work under the agenda.

Item 2 (d)

In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of the representatives shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the meeting, if possible not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the meeting. In accordance with rule 19, the officers of the meeting shall examine the credentials and submit their report to the meeting.

Item 3

The report of the Preparatory Meeting will contain draft decisions on increased funding for the Global Ozone Observing System (GO<sub>3</sub>OS) in developing countries, the proposed budgets for

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the Vienna Convention Trust Fund for the years 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000, and other issues.

Item 4

The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties may be held in 1999, in conjunction with the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol to be held that year, as provided for in rule 4, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure.

Item 5

The Parties may wish to raise other matters for discussion at the meeting.

Item 6

The report of the Conference of the Parties on the work of its fourth meeting will be adopted at the conclusion of the meeting.

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