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FOURTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE
MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES
THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

Copenhagen, 23-25 November 1992

NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

1. The Government of Bulgaria, in a letter of 23 September 1992, addressed to the Executive Director of UNEP, has written the following:

"The Government of Bulgaria has decided to set up an entirely new domestic and foreign environmental policy and to comply with the international agreements. Each separate problem is subject to an action plan which is fitted with our possibilities. Unfortunately we have to note that the previous Governments of this country have failed to do so.

"We have accumulated a considerable for us amount of money due as contributions. The new Government of Bulgaria is experiencing very serious economic difficulties and has inherited a huge foreign debt. This is the main reason why we would like to ask the Secretariat of the Multilateral Fund to grant, if possible, to Bulgaria as a country with economy in transition a soft regime for payment of its contributions for 1992 and 1993."

2. A recommendation has been placed before the Fourth Meeting of the Parties concerning a request from Hungary with regard to its contribution to the Multilateral Fund. The recommendation is contained in paragraph 52 of the Report of the Executive Director of the UNEP (UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/5) and in draft decision IV/20, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.4/L, which reads as follows:

"Decision IV/20. Temporary financial relief for Hungary

"Alternative 1: To endorse the decision of Parties not operating under Article 5, paragraph 1 to grant Hungary temporary relief from its financial obligations to the Multilateral Fund for the years ---- and to distribute the obligation among the other Parties not operating under Article 5, paragraph 1.

"Alternative 2: To regret that it is not possible to grant temporary relief to any Party not operating under Article 5, paragraph 1 from its obligation to contribute to the Multilateral Fund."

3. The Meeting of the Parties may wish to take a decision on the request of the Government of Bulgaria.
