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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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERIM MULTILATERAL FUND

Note by the Executive Director

1. During the eighth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Interim Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, concerns were raised about the effect of the failure of some Parties to pay their assessed contributions to the Fund. This note discusses current status of contributions to the Fund.

I. LEGAL STATUS UNDER THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL OF STATES THAT SERVE PART OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

2. There are now 15 States that were previously part of the former Soviet Union. The Russian Federation has succeeded to the rights and obligations of the Soviet Union under the Montreal Protocol. In addition, contributions to the Fund have been assessed for Belarus and Ukraine as they were Parties to the Montreal Protocol prior to the breakup of the USSR. Of the other 12, none have yet become Parties to the Protocol.

II. STATUS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERIM MULTILATERAL FUND

3. Of the 11 Parties that have not paid their 1991 pledges to the Multilateral Fund, 4 either were part of the former Soviet Union or, are eastern and central European States: Belarus, Hungary, the Russian Federation and the Ukraine. For
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1992, six of the twenty-two Parties that have not fully met their commitments to the Fund fall into this category representing \$7,393,692 or 53 per cent of the unpaid contributions in 1991 and \$10,501,752 or 42 per cent of the unpaid contributions in 1992. Of these six, however, Czechoslovakia has paid \$139,445 of its \$418,394 pledge. The only other Party in this category, Poland, has fully paid its contribution for 1992. Some of these Parties have, in various forms expressed an inability to meet their financial obligations under the Protocol.

4; Three Parties that have not paid their 1991 and 1992 pledges to the Fund are developing countries not operating under Article 5, paragraph 1: Bahrain, Singapore and United Arab Emirates. These Parties represent 1 per cent of the unpaid contributions in both 1991 and 1992. Malta, also a developing country not operating under Article 5, paragraph 1, has fully paid its pledges for both 1991 and 1992.

5. Four developed countries that are not part of the former Soviet Union and not eastern or central have not paid all or part of their 1991 pledges to the Multilateral Fund: France, Greece, Portugal and the United Kingdom. These Parties' unpaid contributions total \$6,372,127 for 1991 or 46 per cent of the total unpaid pledges in 1991. For 1992, 12 countries in this group have not paid all or part of their contributions: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom. These unpaid pledges amount to \$14,117,515 for 1992 or 57 per cent of the total unpaid contributions for the year.

III. PROPOSED ACTION BY THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

6. The Meeting may wish to insist that all Parties must meet their agreed obligations on time in view of the fact that a number of the Parties who are in arrears paid their 1991 contributions in total or in part. They may also wish to indicate clearly that delays in payment of the contributions would jeopardize the capacity of the Fund to help in achieving the goals of the Montreal Protocol.
