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NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON ADJUSTMENTS AND
AMENDMENTS TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL

The Executive Director proposes the following adjustments and amendment (all proposals refer to the 1st of January of the year mentioned):

A. Annex A, Group I (CFCs)

- 100% phase-out by 1996
- 80% reduction by 1994
- Fourth meeting of the Parties in 1992 to set criteria for essential uses.
- Technology and Economic Panel Assessment to study and report on essential uses in 1993.
- Fifth Meeting of the Parties in 1993 to decide on essential uses.

B. Annex A, Group II (Halons)

Consumption - 100% phase-out by 1995

Production - 100% phase-out by 1994

Trade in recycled materials not counted for consumption. No need for any exemption for essential uses since the use of recycled material is not prohibited for any use.

This schedule should not constitute any problem for developing countries, since they have the 10-year grace period.

C. Annex B, Group I (Other Fully Halogenated CFCs)

- 100% phase-out by 1996
- 80% reduction by 1994
- Fourth meeting in 1992 to set criteria for essential uses.

Technology and Economic Panel to study and report on essential uses in 1993. Fifth Meeting of the Parties in 1993 to decide on essential uses.

D. Annex B, Group II (Carbon Tetrachloride)

- 100% by 1996
- 85% by 1995
- Fourth Meeting in 1992 to set criteria for essential uses.

Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to study and report on essential uses in 1993. Fifth Meeting of the Parties in 1993 to decide on essential uses.

E. Annex B, Group III (Methyl Chloroform)

- 100% by 1996
- 85% by 1995
- 50% by 1994
- Fourth Meeting in 1992 to set criteria for essential uses.

Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to study and report on essential uses in 1993. Fifth Meeting of the Parties in 1993 to decide on essential uses.

AMENDMENTS

A. HCFCs and HBFCs

- Consumption of HCFCs/HBFCs in any yearbase year should not exceed 3% of the consumption of CFCs in 1986.
- No new equipment or products containing HCFCs or HBFCs are allowed from the year 2000.
- 100% phase-out of production and consumption by 2005
- Essential uses to be decided in 1995.

B. METHYL BROMIDE

- List Methyl Bromide as a controlled substance
- Production and consumption freeze by 1995.
- 50% phase-out by the year 2000 - with exemption for quarantine uses.
- Detailed study on methyl bromide to be carried out by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and reported to the Working Group in 1994.

C. OBLIGATION OF PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 5

Application by Article 5, paragraph 1, countries of adjustments and amendment adopted after the London Meeting of the Parties shall be decided after the review in 1994 by the Meeting of the Parties of the implementation of the provisions of the London Amendment on technology transfer and financial resources.

D. COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION

1. All Parties must implement control measures according to the provisions the Protocol. Therefore, the amendment by South Africa cannot be accepted.

2. Regarding the amendment by the Netherlands that a Meeting of the Parties may exempt any Party not under operating Article 5, paragraph 1, from its obligations under the Protocol, this objective can be achieved by a decision of the Parties based on an agreement by the Parties not operating under Article 5 at every meeting of the Parties to assume the financial burden of the Parties which, they decide, are to be given temporary relief for the next year from contribution to the Fund on their request. Thus, the amendment is not necessary.

E. IMPORT AND EXPORT OF RECYCLED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

1. Import or export of recycled controlled substances should not be taken into account when calculating consumption.
2. The Science Assessment Panel to review the impact of continuous use of recycled substances on the ozone layer and report to the Working Group not later than May 1993. The Working Group would then make appropriate recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties in 1993.

F. RECOVERY/RECLAMATION/RECYCLING/DESTRUCTION

The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to review the recovery, reclamation and recycling processes and make recommendations to guide policies. No amendment is necessary at this stage to make recovery mandatory. The Meeting of the Parties in 1993 may consider possible amendments concerning recovery, recycling, reclamation and destruction of controlled substances.

G. MEETING THE NEEDS OF ARTICLE 5 PARTIES FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
DURING THE GRACE AND PHASE OUT PERIOD

1. The Executive Director recommends that the Working Group request the Executive Committee to consider, on the basis of information available to them from country programmes and other sources, the quantities of controlled substances needed by Article 5, paragraph 1, Parties during their grace and phase-out periods, the extent to which this need can be met by existing production facilities and by recycling in Article 5, paragraph 1, Parties and the methods of meeting the needs of those Parties in full, and to submit a report, through the Secretariat, to the Fourth Meeting of the Parties, not later than 15 September 1992.
2. The Fourth Meeting would take appropriate decisions on the basis of the report of the Executive Committee.

H. TRADE PROVISIONS (ARTICLE 4) FOR THE NEW SUBSTANCES

The Executive Director will present a proposal on this subject at a later stage.