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TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON
SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE
OZONE LAYER

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Proposal by Georgia to be classified as a Party operating under
paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Government of Georgia, which ratified the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer on 21 March 1996, has requested that the Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol consider the adoption of a decision on Georgia's proposal to be classified as a developing country.
2. Georgia has based its proposal on the following:
 - (a) Georgia has no production of ozone-depleting substances (ODS);
 - (b) Its annual consumption of controlled substances does not exceed 0.3 kilograms per capita (and has never exceeded that level);
 - (c) ~~Because~~ Because of its particularly difficult economic situation, Georgia has been classified as a developing country by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD);
 - (d) ~~The~~ The per capita gross national product in Georgia is US\$ 560 (The World Bank Atlas 1995, World Bank, Washington).
3. Decision I/12E of the First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol listed a number of countries which were considered developing for the purpose of the Protocol. The list does not include Georgia, which was at that time part of the former Soviet Union.

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4. By decision III/5 of the Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, the Parties accepted the request of Turkey for classification as a developing country for the purposes of the Montreal Protocol, noting that Turkey is classified as a developing country by the World Bank, OECD and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
5. By decision IV/7, the Fourth Meeting of the Parties decided that the Parties should consider individually applications by Parties for classification as developing countries as and when such applications are made.
6. The data on ODS consumption reported by Georgia for the base year 1986 show its per capita consumption of substances in Annex A of the Protocol to be below 0.3 kilograms.
7. The Meeting of the Parties may wish to adopt a decision on the proposal of Georgia.