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BUREAU OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER

First meeting
Geneva, 15 and 16 May 2014

**Report of the first meeting of the Bureau of the ninth meeting of the
Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection
of the Ozone Layer**

Introduction

1. Consistent with decision I/6 subparagraph (a)(i), the first meeting of the Bureau was convened in conjunction with the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers (9ORM) of the Vienna Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer. The meeting was held in the premises of the World Meteorological Organization and the Bureau members also participated in the 9ORM.
2. The meeting consisted of two sessions. The first session was held on 15 May 2014 to consider agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 and the second session was held on 16 May 2014 immediately after the 9ORM to discuss agenda items 5, 7 and 8.

I. Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting was opened by Ms. Nino Sharashidze (Georgia), President of the Bureau, at 15.20 p.m.
4. The meeting was attended by the following Bureau members:
President: Ms. Nino Sharashidze (Georgia) (Eastern European States)
Vice-Presidents: Mr. Arief Yuwono (Indonesia) (Asia-Pacific States)
Dr. Marissa Gowrie (Trinidad and Tobago) (Latin American and Caribbean States)

A full list of participants is set out in the annex to the present report.

II. Adoption of the agenda

5. The provisional agenda of the meeting, set out in document UNEP/OzL.Conv.9/Bur.1/1, was adopted as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Action taken on the decisions of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention held in Bali from 21 to 25 November 2011.
4. Review of the progress in the arrangements for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention to be held jointly with the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, from 17 to 21 November 2014.
5. Review of the recommendations of the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention held in Geneva from 14 to 16 May 2014.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.

III. Action taken on the decisions of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention held in Bali from 21 to 25 November 2011

6. The Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat introduced agenda item 3, with reference to the note by the Secretariat (document UNEP/OzL.Conv.9/Bur.1/20), providing information on the status of implementation of the four decisions of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention.

Decision IX/1: Status of ratification of the Vienna Convention, the Montreal Protocol and the London, Copenhagen, Montreal and Beijing amendments to the Montreal Protocol.

7. The Executive Secretary stated that in addition to the Vienna Convention, the Montreal Protocol and the London, Copenhagen and Montreal Amendments, the Beijing Amendment was very close to also achieving universal ratification. Two countries, Kazakhstan and Mauritania are yet to ratify the Beijing Amendment. The Secretariat was continuing to work with the two countries on their ratification. The Bureau noted the progress. The members expressed satisfaction with the imminence of all Amendments of the Montreal Protocol achieving Universal ratification and the success of the Montreal Protocol in meeting its objectives and targets through global cooperation and partnership, spirit of compromise that ensured consensus and building policies on sound science. The Bureau encouraged the Secretariat to continue its effort to try to achieve ratification of the Beijing Amendment by Kazakhstan and Mauritania before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in November this year.

Decision IX/2: Eighth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers and the Trust Fund for Research and Systematic Observation relevant to the Vienna Convention

8. The Executive Secretary explained that at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention in 2011, the Parties considered the report of the eight meeting of the Ozone Research Managers (8ORM) as well as the report by the Ozone Secretariat on the Trust Fund for Research and Systematic Observations, and adopted decision IX/2. That decision was based on two proposals of Sri Lanka whose Minister of Environment was the President of the

Bureau of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2008. One proposal was on the 8ORM recommendations and the other one was on the Trust Fund for research and systematic observation and the two were combined into one single decision. The Executive Secretary suggested that the current Bureau may wish to think about proposing draft decisions for consideration by the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP10) coming up in November 2014, on the basis of the outcome of the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers (9ORM). It was expected that 9ORM would also discuss the operation of the Trust Fund and made recommendations.

9. It was also pointed out by the Executive Secretary that the recommendations on the operation of the Trust Fund would be very important in view of the fact that the life of the Trust Fund was coming to an end at the end of December 2015 unless the Parties requested UNEP to extend it. The Bureau could also consider providing its comments and recommendations on the Trust Fund.

Decision IX/3: Financial matters: financial reports and budgets

10. The attention of the Bureau was drawn to the information on the status of contribution to the Vienna Convention Trust Fund, as contained in the note by the Secretariat. The Bureau noted the status of the Trust Fund and agreed to ensure that the relevant decisions to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting encourage Parties to pay their contributions promptly and in full and urge Parties that have not done so to pay their contributions for prior years as soon as possible.

Decision IX/4: Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention

11. The Executive Secretary informed the Bureau that it had been exploring the different United Nations venues for the joint COP10 and the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP26). The dates of the meetings had been set as 17 to 21 November 2014 and the tentative venue was Nairobi. The Secretariat has explored other possible United Nations venues including in Rome, Panama City, Geneva, Montreal, Vienna, Copenhagen, Bonn, Bangkok and Paris. The booking that had been made in Bangkok had to be cancelled recently due to the fact that the head of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific required the Conference Centre during the same week. Nairobi and Paris were the two available venues where tentative bookings had been made for which the Secretariat was looking into the costs, cost effectiveness and other parameters. The Secretariat informed that it was once again exploring conference facilities in Montreal other than the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The Bureau noted the progress.

IV. Review of the progress in the arrangements for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention to be held jointly with the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, from 17 to 21 November 2014

12. The issue had been reviewed under Agenda item 3 (see paragraph 11 above).

V. Review of the recommendations of the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention held in Geneva from 14 to 16 May 2014.

13. The two Co-Chairs Dr Mike Kurylo (USA) and Dr Gerrie Coetze (South Africa) reported to the Bureau on the outcome of the 9ORM. After hearing the report, Bureau thanked the Co-Chairs for a detailed account of the 9ORM and discussed the role it could play in bringing the key issues to COP10. The recommendations and the report of the 9ORM were to be posted on the 9ORM

conference portal under the Ozone Secretariat website in due course. (<http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/orm/9orm/default.aspx>)

14. The Bureau agreed that nearer the time of the COP10 which will be convened in November, the Bureau would work on a proposal (a draft decision) for consideration by the Parties, that recognizes the small but important role that the Trust Fund on Monitoring and Research has played in calibration of the monitoring instruments in developing countries and countries with economies in transition and related training activities, the Trust Fund was not sufficient to make substantial and sustainable improvements to the global ozone observing system. The Bureau would recommend the continuation of the Trust Fund with some modification to its operation to improve its efficiency. In that regard, the Bureau would also include in its proposal, the priority activities that should be funded under the Trust Fund and the need for an overall strategy for the Trust Fund that would reflect the recommendations of the 9ORM on the four topics of systematic observation, research needs, data archiving and stewardship and capacity building. Furthermore, operational issues such as establishment of a committee to guide and monitor the Trust Fund could also be considered for inclusion in the proposal.

15. The President of the Bureau requested for assistance of the Secretariat, the 9ORM Co-Chairs as well as the Co-Chairs of the Scientific Assessment Panel in the preparation of the draft proposal.

VI. Other matters

16. No other matters were raised.

VII. Adoption of the report

17. The President said that the Bureau would entrust the Secretariat to prepare a draft report and circulate it to the Bureau members for comments as soon as possible. The report would then be finalized, taking their comments into account, and presented to them for their approval.

VIII. Closure of the meeting

18. The President declared the meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.

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