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

Montreal, 15-17 September 1997

Proposal by South Africa 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 South Africa, which acceded to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer on 15 January 1990, has requested that the Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol consider the adoption of a decision on South Africa's proposal to be re-classified as a developing country for the purposes of the Montreal Protocol.
2. South Africa has based its proposal on the following:
  - (a) South Africa is classified as a developing country by the United Nations Development Programme and by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development;
  - (b) Its annual consumption of controlled substances in Annex A of the Montreal Protocol was less than 0.3 kilograms per capita at the time of accession to the Montreal Protocol in January 1990;
  - (c) South Africa is treated as a developing country in all other international environmental Conventions and Protocols to which it is a Party and where this distinction is made.
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 South Africa.
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. Decision VIII/29 of the Eighth Meeting of the Parties reclassified Georgia as a developing country for the purpose of the Montreal Protocol, taking into account that Georgia was classified as a developing country by the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and as a net recipient country by UNDP.

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7. The data on ODS consumption reported by South Africa for the base year 1986 show its per capita consumption of substances in Annex A, Group I of the Protocol to be below 0.3 kilograms.

8. According to the World Development Report, 1995 published by the World Bank, South Africa's income per capita was US\$ 3,160 for 1995 and the 1996 report classified South Africa in the upper category of the middle income countries.

9. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has listed South Africa amongst the upper middle income Developing Countries and Territories eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA) according to the 1997 list.

10. The Meeting of the Parties may wish to adopt a decision on the proposal of South Africa.

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