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BUREAU OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE
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ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE
OZONE LAYER

Second meeting
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UPDATE ON ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS OF THE NINTH MEETING
OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON
SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

Note by the Secretariat

1. The purpose of the present note is to supplement the information contained in the annex to the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to the Tenth Meeting of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro.10/2).

Decisions IX/1, IX/2 and IX/3

2. As mentioned in the annex to the note of the Executive Director referred to above, the Montreal adjustments with regard to substances in Annexes A, B and E entered into force on 5 June 1998.

Decision IX/4. Further Amendment of the Protocol

3. The Montreal Amendment to the Protocol has been ratified by only three Parties: Canada, Chile and the Republic of Korea. The Amendment would enter into force on 1 January 1999 provided that at least 20 instruments of ratification have been received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Depositary of the Protocol, by that date. The Secretariat has reminded all Parties regarding ratification.

Decisions IX/5, IX/6 and IX/7

4. No action was required of the Secretariat with respect to decision IX/6, and there have been no new developments regarding decisions IX/5 and IX/7.

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Decision IX/8. Licensing system

5. As of 14 September 1998, the Secretariat had received contact details of the officers dealing with information on the imports and exports of ozone-depleting substances from 86 Parties.

Decision IX/9. Control of export of products and equipment whose continuing functioning relies on Annex A and Annex B substances

6. As of 14 September 1998, 11 Parties had reported on measures they had adopted to regulate imports and exports.

Decision IX/10. Ratification of the Vienna Convention, the Montreal Protocol and the London and Copenhagen Amendments

7. At its first meeting, the Bureau of the Ninth Meeting of the Parties decided to approach those countries that have not ratified the London, Copenhagen and Montreal Amendments with a view to achieving expeditious action on the issue. The President of the Bureau, Dr. Won-Hwa Park, sent a letter to the foreign ministries of countries that have not ratified all of the amendments to the Montreal Protocol.

Decision IX/11. Data and information provided by the Parties in accordance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Montreal Protocol

8. 135 Parties reported data for 1996 and 40 Parties for 1997 till 14 September 1998.

Decisions IX/12, IX/13 and IX/14

9. No action was required by the Secretariat with respect to decision IX/13, and there have been no new developments regarding decisions IX/12 and IX/14.

Decision IX/15. Production sector

10. At the twenty-fifth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund, held in Montreal from 29 to 31 July 1998, the Subgroup on the Production Sector reported that it had been informed by the Chief Officer of the Fund Secretariat that the consultant firm selected for the task would finalize technical audits of all plants in China and India simultaneously over a period of 20 weeks, with the same terms of reference applied to the technical audits in both countries. The Subgroup would receive an interim report and, after completion of the audits, a full report covering every plant in each country.

Decisions IX/16, IX/17, IX/18, IX/19, IX/20, IX/21, IX/22 and IX/23

11. No action was required of the Secretariat with respect to decision IX/16, and there have been no new developments regarding decisions IX/17, IX/18, IX/19, IX/20, IX/21, IX/22 and IX/23.

Decision IX/24. Control of new substances with ozone-depleting potential

12. The Secretariat has been in continuous exchange of information with the Scientific and Technology and Economic Assessment Panels on the ozone-depleting substances chlorobromomethane (ozone-depleting potential (ODP) of around 0.15), n-propyl bromide (ODP of 0.026), halon-1202 (ODP of 1.25).

Decision IX/25. Special report on Aviation and the Global Atmosphere

13. The draft Special Report on Aviation of the Global Atmosphere has already undergone the first expert peer-review, mandated by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). It was distributed on 29 July 1998 for review by Governments. The deadline for the submission of the review by the Governments is 16 September 1998. The third lead-authors meeting will take place in Montreal from 26 to 28 October 1998 at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

Decisions IX/26, IX/27, IX/28, IX/29, IX/30, IX/31, IX/32,
IX/33, IX/34 and IX/35

14. There have been no new developments regarding decisions IX/26, IX/27, IX/28, IX/29, IX/30, IX/31, IX/32, IX/33, IX/34 and IX/35.

Decisions IX/36, IX/37, IX/38 IX/39 and IX/40

15. There have been no new developments regarding decisions IX/36, IX/37, IX/38 IX/39 and IX/40. The updated status of the trust funds for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol will be distributed at the meeting.
