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Deplete the Ozone Layer
First meeting**
Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 31 October 2015

Report of the first meeting of the Bureau of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

I. Opening of the meeting

1. The first meeting of the Bureau of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was held at the Conrad Hotel, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Saturday, 31 October 2015.
2. The meeting was opened at 3.20 p.m. by Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob (Bangladesh), Vice-President of the Bureau.
3. In her opening remarks, Ms. Tina Birmpili, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, welcomed the participants to the meeting.
4. The meeting was attended by the following Bureau members:

Vice-Presidents:	Mr. Mikkel Sorensen, Denmark (Western European and other States)
	Mr. Abdullah Al Islam Jakob, Bangladesh (Asian-Pacific States)
Rapporteur:	Ms. Liana Ghahramanyan, Armenia (Eastern European States)
5. The President of the Bureau from the Plurinational State of Bolivia (Latin America and Caribbean States) and the Vice-President from Mozambique (African States) did not attend the meeting.
6. The full list of participants is set out in the annex to the present report.

II. Adoption of the agenda

7. The provisional agenda of the meeting, set out in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/Bur.1/1, was adopted as follows:
 1. Opening of the meeting.
 2. Adoption of the agenda.
 3. Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
 4. Overview of the working documents prepared for the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

5. Review of the agenda and presentation of a road map for the conduct of the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.

III. Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

8. The representative of the Secretariat introduced a note by the Secretariat on work to date on the implementation of decisions, an overview of working documents and presentation of a road map for the conduct of the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/Bur.1/R.2) and, in particular, annex I, containing a tabular summary of actions taken as at 24 September 2015 to implement the decisions adopted by the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties. He expressed satisfaction that all the parties had ratified all the amendments to the Montreal Protocol, noting that it was a mark of the commitment of the parties to the Protocol that they had succeeded in negotiating the often lengthy and difficult process of ratification.

IV. Overview of the working documents prepared for the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

V. Review of the agenda and presentation of a road map for the conduct of the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

9. The Bureau agreed to consider items 4 and 5 of the agenda concurrently.
10. The Executive Secretary outlined the agenda and organization of work for the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties, supplementing the review of the agenda and road map for the conduct of the meeting provided in section IV of the note by the Secretariat (UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/Bur.1/R.2). She said that the meeting would be divided into two segments, a three-day preparatory segment and a two-day high-level segment.
11. With regard to the preparatory segment, the Secretariat expected all organizational and administrative matters on the agenda to be dealt with without difficulty, with the exception of budgetary matters, which were foreseen to require some discussion but could be addressed in a budget group rather than in plenary. As for substantive matters, no protracted discussion was expected under any agenda item, with the exception of nominations for critical-use exemptions, which might require the establishment of a contact group to discuss a nomination submitted by Canada for the use of an amount of methyl bromide, which had not been granted by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel. Regarding two other important substantive issues, the outcome of the resumed thirty-sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and four proposals submitted by parties to amend the Montreal Protocol, it was anticipated that plenary discussions on both issues would be brief and that a contact group would be established by the end of the first day to address them further. Another subject that might require the establishment of a contact group was the potential areas of focus for the assessment panels' 2018 quadrennial reports, under which a proposal had been submitted by the European Union and Switzerland. A proposal by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to merge two of its technical option committees might also require some discussion, which the Secretariat hoped could be held in plenary or in an informal group. Lastly, a conference room paper on feedstocks had been submitted by the European Union and it was possible that it would be addressed under "other matters".
12. With regard to the high-level segment, it would consist of an opening ceremony and a ministerial round table. Several high-level officials and dignitaries had confirmed their participation in the segment, including the Minister of the Environment and Water of the United Arab Emirates and the Executive Director of UNEP, both of whom would make opening statements.
13. One Bureau member commended the Secretariat on the proposed road map for the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties, in particular with regard to the early convening of a contact group to discuss the four proposals for amendment to the Montreal Protocol, which would require

considerable time. Another Bureau member announced that Armenia, Belarus, the European Union, Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation would submit a proposal to update the list of controlled ozone-depleting substances established pursuant to decision X/9 by listing Annex C substances, though it was not yet clear under which agenda item the matter would be introduced.

14. The Executive Secretary requested Bureau members to support the proposed way forward for the meeting.

VI. Other matters

15. Under the item, the Secretariat representative, Mr. Gilbert Bankobeza, drew attention to the matter of who would preside over the high-level segment. That task, he said, was normally the function of the President of the Bureau, but neither the President – the representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia – nor the Vice-President from Bangladesh, would be available. The responsibility would therefore fall upon the other Vice-President in attendance, namely Mr. Mikkel Sorensen (Denmark). Mr. Sorensen said he would be honoured to perform the task, but asked if any problem might arise from the fact that the presidency for the next period would pass to the Western European and other States, which he represented. The Secretariat representative said that the contingency was compatible with the rules of procedure.

VII. Adoption of the report

16. The President said that a draft report would be prepared by the Secretariat and circulated to Bureau members 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

17. The President declared the meeting closed at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 31 October 2015.

Annex

List of participants

First meeting of the Bureau of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol,

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Saturday, 31 October 2015

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