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the Parties to the Vienna Convention
for the Protection of the Ozone Layer**

**Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to
the Montreal Protocol on Substances
that Deplete the Ozone Layer**

Paris, 17–21 November 2014

Annotations to the provisional agenda

I. Preparatory segment (17–19 November 2014)

A. Opening of the preparatory segment (item 1 of the provisional agenda for the preparatory segment)

1. Meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer take place once every three years, while meetings of the parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer are held every year. In those years in which both bodies meet the practice has been to conduct their meetings jointly, with joint agendas. It has also been the practice to divide the work of these joint meetings into two segments – a three-day preparatory segment covering both Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol issues and a two-day high-level segment that also covers both sets of issues.

2. The preparatory segment of the joint meeting is scheduled to be opened on Monday, 17 November 2014, at 10 a.m. at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris.

1. Statement by representative(s) of the Government of France

2. Statement by representative(s) of the United Nations Environment Programme

3. Upon the opening of the preparatory segment welcoming statements will be made by representatives of the Government of France and the United Nations Environment Programme.

B. Organizational matters (item 2 of the provisional agenda for the preparatory segment)

1. Adoption of the agenda of the preparatory segment

4. The provisional agenda for the preparatory segment is set forth in section I of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/1/Rev.1-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/1/Rev.1 and will be before the parties for adoption. The parties may wish to adopt the agenda, including any items that they may agree to include under item 6, “Other matters”.

2. Organization of work

5. As is the custom, the preparatory segment will be co-chaired by the co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group (currently Mr. Patrick McInerney (Australia) and Mr. Richard Mwendandu (Kenya)). Under this sub-item, the co-chairs are expected to present a proposal to the parties on how they wish to proceed with the items on the agenda.

C. Combined Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol issues (item 3 of the provisional agenda for the preparatory segment)

1. Financial reports and budgets of the trust funds for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol

6. Under this item, the parties are expected to establish a budget committee to deliberate and recommend action on the Secretariat's budgets for formal adoption, as appropriate, during the high-level segment. Two place-holder draft decisions to be considered by the parties under this item can be found as draft decisions X/[AA] and XXVI/[AA] in section III of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3.

2. Extension of the trust funds for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol

7. The current tenure of the trust funds for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol expires on 31 December 2015. Under this item, the parties are expected to consider the extension of the two trust funds beyond 2015. Paragraph 8 of draft decision X/[AA] and paragraph 10 of draft decision XXVI/[AA] contained in section III of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3 will be before the parties for their consideration.

3. Status of ratification of the Beijing Amendment to the Montreal Protocol

8. The parties have traditionally adopted a decision at each meeting memorializing the status of ratifications of the ozone treaties. Draft decisions on this matter may be found as draft decisions X/[AAA] and XXVI/[AAA] in section IV of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3.

D. Montreal Protocol issues (item 4 of the provisional agenda for the preparatory segment)

1. Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol

(a) Supplemental report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel replenishment task force

9. Under this item, the parties are expected to hear a presentation on the supplemental report by the task force on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, and to discuss the forthcoming replenishment of the Fund. The summary of information in the supplemental report is contained in the addendum to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting and the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/2/Add.1-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/2/Add.1).

(b) Extension of the fixed-exchange-rate mechanism for 2015–2017

10. For the last several replenishments of the Multilateral Fund, the parties have adopted decisions on the use of a fixed-exchange-rate mechanism to ease administrative difficulties faced by some parties in making Multilateral Fund contributions. During the preparatory segment the parties are expected to consider the application of the mechanism to the forthcoming replenishment and make recommendations for adoption, as appropriate, during the high-level segment. A draft decision to be considered by the Parties under this item can be found as draft decision XXVI/[CC] in section III of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3.

2. Issues related to exemptions from Article 2 of the Montreal Protocol

(a) Nominations for essential-use exemptions for 2015 and 2016

11. Under this sub-item the parties are expected to consider the final recommendations of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on nominations for essential-use exemptions for 2015 and 2016 and to prepare related draft decisions for adoption, as appropriate, during the high-level segment. Parties will also consider draft decisions submitted by China and the Russian Federation on essential-use exemptions of ozone-depleting substances. The draft decision submitted by the Russian Federation for chlorofluorocarbon-113 for aerospace applications can be found as draft decision XXVI/[A] in section II of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3. The two draft decisions submitted by China, one on the essential-use exemption for carbon tetrachloride for laboratory and analytical uses and the other for chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) for metered-dose inhalers are set out as draft decisions XXVI/[B] and XXVI/[C], respectively, in section II of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3.

(b) Nominations for critical-use exemptions for 2015 and 2016

12. Under this sub-item the parties are expected to consider the final recommendations of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on nominations for critical-use exemptions and to prepare a related decision for adoption, as appropriate, during the high-level segment.

(c) Global exemption of controlled substances for laboratory and analytical uses

13. During the thirty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, a draft decision that would extend the global laboratory analytical-use exemption until 31 December 2021 was presented for discussion. The parties are expected to discuss and recommend appropriate action on that draft decision which can be found as draft decision XXVI/[D] in section II of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3.

3. Availability of recovered, recycled or reclaimed halons

14. The parties are expected to continue their consideration of a proposal on a decision that addresses the availability of recovered, recycled or reclaimed halons that was considered by the Open-ended Working Group at its thirty-fourth meeting. The draft decision is set out as draft decision XXVI/[E] in section II of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3.

4. Measures to facilitate the monitoring of trade in hydrochlorofluorocarbons and substituting substances

15. The parties are expected to continue their consideration of a proposal on a decision on measures to facilitate the monitoring of trade in hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) and substituting substances to address the concern that large quantities of HCFCs were still being traded, often illegally, and that the lack of available customs codes for HCFCs and their substitutes was making it difficult to monitor and control the illegal trade. The draft decision was discussed by the Open-ended Working Group at its thirty-fourth meeting. The draft decision is set out as draft decision XXVI/[G] in section II of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3.

5. Releases, breakdown products and opportunities for reduction of releases of ozone-depleting substances

16. At its thirty-fourth meeting, the Open-ended Working Group discussed a draft decision on releases, breakdown products and opportunities for the reduction of releases in order to address concerns regarding the discrepancies between the reported consumption of some ozone-depleting substances and their measured concentrations in the atmosphere, including for the newly detected ozone-depleting substances. The parties are expected to continue their consideration of this draft decision, which is set out as decision XXVI/[F] in section II of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3.

6. Issues related to alternatives to ozone-depleting substances**(a) Final report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on alternatives to ozone-depleting substances (decision XXV/5, subparagraphs 1 (a)-(c))**

17. At the thirty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, the initial report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel updating information on alternatives to ozone-depleting substances in various sectors and subsectors and assessing those alternatives against criteria such as commercial availability, cost-effectiveness, suitability in high-ambient-temperature environments and safety was presented and discussed. The parties provided the Panel with further guidance for the preparation of the final report. The parties are expected to hear a presentation by the Panel on its final report and deliberate on the findings, the summary of which is contained in the addendum to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention at its tenth meeting and the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/2/Add.1-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/2/Add.1).

(b) Information submitted by parties on their implementation of paragraph 9 of decision XIX/6 to promote a transition from ozone-depleting substances that minimizes environmental impact (decision XXV/5, paragraph 3)

18. In accordance with paragraph 3 of decision XXV/5, a number of parties submitted information on their implementation of paragraph 9 of decision XIX/6 pertaining to the promotion of a transition from ozone-depleting substances that minimizes environmental impacts wherever the required technologies are available. The Secretariat has summarized the information submitted by parties under paragraph 3 of decision XXV/5 in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/9 and compiled the additional information received from the parties after the thirty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working

Group in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/INF/4. The meeting is expected to consider the information contained in the summary.

7. Proposed amendments to the Montreal Protocol

19. In May 2014, the Ozone Secretariat received a proposal to amend the Montreal Protocol from the Governments of Canada, Mexico and the United States of America, and another proposal from the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia. The two proposals, which were submitted pursuant to Article 9 of the Vienna Convention and paragraph 10 of Article 2 of the Protocol, may be found in documents UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/5 and UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/6, respectively. Both proposals, which were discussed by the Open-ended Working Group at its thirty-fourth meeting, seek to amend the Protocol to include within its provisions controls leading to a phase-down of hydrofluorocarbons. The parties are expected to discuss these proposed amendments further.

8. Renomination and reappointment of co-chairs and members of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and its technical options committees

20. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, together with its technical options committees, under the new terms of reference and consistent with decision XXIII/10, has been working on the renominations and reappointments of existing members of the Panel and its committees, together with the nominations and appointments of new members. It is expected that these efforts will continue up to the time of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and that an update will be provided by the Panel for consideration by the parties.

9. Consideration of the membership of Montreal Protocol bodies for 2015

(a) Members of the Implementation Committee

21. Each year the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol considers the membership of the Implementation Committee. Parties will consult among themselves to nominate new members to serve on the Committee for 2015. The Secretariat has prepared a place-holder draft decision on this item for the parties' consideration, which is set out as draft decision XXVI/[BBB] in section IV of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3. Parties are expected to select a new President, Vice-President and members.

(b) Members of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund

22. Each year, the parties to the Montreal Protocol are asked to adopt a decision that endorses the selections of the new Executive Committee members and notes the selection of the Committee's chair and vice-chair. The parties will consult among themselves to nominate new members to serve on the Committee for 2015. The Secretariat has prepared a place-holder draft decision on the selection of members and the chair and vice-chair for 2015, which is set out as draft decision XXVI/[CCC] in section IV of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3.

(c) Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group

23. Each year the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol selects one representative from among the parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 and a second representative from among the parties not so operating to serve as co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group in the subsequent year. The parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 and the parties not so operating will consult among themselves, respectively, to nominate the two co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group in 2015. The Secretariat has prepared a place-holder draft decision on this item for the parties' consideration, which is set out as draft decision XXVI/[DDD] in section IV of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3.

10. Compliance and reporting issues considered by the Implementation Committee

24. Under this item, the President of the Implementation Committee will report on party compliance issues considered during the Committee's fifty-second and fifty-third meetings. During the preparatory segment the parties may wish to discuss related matters further and consider whether any related recommendations and draft decisions should be submitted for possible adoption during the high-level segment.

E. Vienna Convention issues (item 5 of the provisional agenda for the preparatory segment)

1. Report of the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention

25. In accordance with decisions I/6 and III/8 of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, every three years the Secretariat, in cooperation with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), convenes a meeting of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention. During their ninth meeting (Geneva, 14–16 May 2014) the Ozone Research Managers drew up recommendations for the parties' consideration. The parties are expected to hear a presentation by the co-chairs of the ninth meeting of the ozone research managers on the outcomes and recommendations of the meeting and to discuss them. The recommendations can be found in document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/6.

2. Status of the General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention

26. By decision VI/2, the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention called for the establishment of a special trust fund for receiving voluntary contributions for the purpose of financing certain activities on research and systematic observations relevant to the Vienna Convention in developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The parties are expected to consider brief presentations on reports by WMO and the Ozone Secretariat on the activities and status of that fund. A report on the status of the fund is contained in document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/5.

F. Other matters (item 6 of the provisional agenda for the preparatory segment)

27. Under this item, the parties will consider other matters raised at the time of the adoption of the agenda.

II. High-level segment (20 and 21 November 2014)

A. Opening of the high-level segment (item 1 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

28. The high-level segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol is scheduled to be opened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 20 November 2014.

1. Statement by the President of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention

2. Statement by the President of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

3. Statement by representative(s) of the United Nations Environment Programme

29. Opening statements will be made by the presidents of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and by a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme.

B. Organizational matters (item 2 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

1. Election of officers of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention

30. In accordance with the rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties must elect a president, three vice-presidents and a rapporteur. On the basis of regional rotation agreed upon by the parties, the parties may wish to elect a party from the group of Latin American and Caribbean countries to preside over the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to elect a party from the group of Eastern European countries to serve as rapporteur. The parties may wish to elect three additional vice-presidents, one each from the group of African countries, the group of Asian and Pacific countries and the group of Western European and other countries.

2. Election of officers of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

31. In accordance with the rules of procedure, the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties must elect a president, three vice-presidents and a rapporteur. On the basis of regional rotation agreed by the parties, the parties may wish to elect a party from the group of Latin American and Caribbean countries to preside over the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties and to elect a party from the group of Eastern European countries to serve as rapporteur. The parties may also wish to elect three additional vice-presidents, one each from the group of African countries, the group of Asian and Pacific countries and the group of Western European and other countries.

3. Adoption of the agenda of the high-level segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

32. The provisional agenda for the high-level segment is set forth in section II of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/1/Rev.1-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/1/Rev.1 and will be before the parties for adoption. The parties may wish to adopt that agenda, including any items that they may agree to include under item 8, "Other matters".

4. Organization of work

33. The Presidents of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol are expected to outline a plan of work for discussing the items on the agenda.

5. Credentials of representatives

34. In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, the credentials of representatives of parties attending any such meeting must be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the meeting, if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting. Under this item, and in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the elected officers of the meeting will examine the credentials and submit a report thereon to the parties.

C. Presentations by the assessment panels on the status of their 2014 quadrennial assessment and emerging issues (item 3 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

35. Under this item, the Scientific Assessment Panel, the Environmental Effects Assessment Panel and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel will present the status of their quadrennial assessment reports being prepared in accordance with Article 6 of the Montreal Protocol and decision XXIII/13, which directed the panels to include specific areas of assessment and evaluation in their 2014 reports.

D. Presentation by the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund on the work of the Executive Committee (item 4 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

36. Under this item, the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund will present a report by the Executive Committee to the parties. The report, which will be issued as document UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/8, is not expected to be available until the first day of the meeting.

E. Statements by heads of delegations and discussion on key topics (item 5 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

37. Under this item, heads of delegations will be invited to make statements. Beginning on the first day of the preparatory segment the Secretariat will accept requests to speak and will compile a list of speakers based on those requests. On the second day of the high-level segment, a 90-minute ministerial round-table discussion will be held on issues that constitute the main challenges in the context of the Montreal Protocol to be addressed by countries during the coming decade.

F. Report of the co-chairs of the preparatory segment and consideration of the decisions recommended for adoption at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (item 6 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

38. Under this item, the co-chairs of the preparatory segment will be invited to report to the parties on the progress made in reaching consensus on the substantive issues on the agenda.

G. Dates and venues for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (item 7 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

39. The Secretariat will inform the parties regarding the potential venue for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. The parties may then wish to take a decision on the date and venue of those meetings. Place-holder draft decisions on this matter can be found as draft decisions XXVI/[EEE] and X/[BBB] in section IV of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3.

H. Other matters (item 8 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

40. Any additional substantive issues agreed for inclusion on the agenda under item 2 (c), "Adoption of the agenda", will be taken up under this item.

I. Adoption of decisions by the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention at its tenth meeting (item 9 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

41. Under this item, the parties will adopt the decisions to be taken by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting.

J. Adoption of decisions by the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (item 10 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

42. Under this item, the parties will adopt the decisions to be taken by the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties.

K. Adoption of the report of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (item 11 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

43. Under this item, the parties will adopt the report of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

L. Closure of the meeting (item 12 of the provisional agenda for the high-level segment)

44. The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol are expected to close by 6 p.m. on Friday, 21 November 2014.