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the Montreal Protocol on Substances  
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**Draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the  
Parties to the Vienna Convention at its twelfth meeting (part II)  
and the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal  
Protocol**

**Note by the Secretariat**

**Addendum**

The annex to the present note sets out a draft decision entitled “General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention”, which was submitted to the Secretariat by Australia. The draft decision is presented as received, without formal editing by the Secretariat, for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer at its twelfth meeting (part II). The draft decision will be considered under item 5 (b) of the provisional agenda of the preparatory segment of the combined twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (part II) and Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (online combined meetings).

## Annex

### **Decision XXXIII/[--]: General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention**

#### **Submission by Australia**

*Recalling* decision VI/2, by which the Conference of the Parties established the General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer,

*Noting with appreciation* the contributions to the Trust Fund by several parties and the joint efforts of the World Meteorological Organization and the Secretariat in the implementation of the activities funded from the Trust Fund since it became operational in 2003,

*Noting* that important activities, including calibrations, inter-comparisons and relevant training, have been implemented successfully under the Trust Fund to date,

*Noting with great concern*, however, that the resources available in the Trust Fund are not sufficient to enable substantial and sustainable improvements to be made to the global ozone observing system,

*Aware* that improvements in ozone observations should take into account the existing strong and intricate linkages between ozone and climate and of the need to carry out relevant observations and analyses for both ozone and climate wherever possible,

*Noting with appreciation* the work of the Advisory Committee of the Trust Fund, including on the long-term strategy and short-term plan of action for the Trust Fund prepared for consideration by the Conference of the Parties pursuant to decision X/3,

1. To invite Parties to make contributions to the General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, for the purpose of improving the global ozone observing system in line with the long-term strategy and short-term plan of action prepared by the Advisory Committee;
2. To request the Advisory Committee of the Trust Fund, with the assistance of the World Meteorological Organization and the Secretariat, to continue to implement its long-term strategy and short-term plan of action for the Trust Fund, paying particular attention to:
  - (a) Identifying gaps and needs in research and monitoring of ozone and related climate variables and parameters, complementing the ongoing efforts of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and other relevant programmes such as the World Meteorological Organization Global Atmosphere Watch programme;
  - (b) Facilitating the relocation of unused Dobson and Brewer instruments and the use of ozone-sondes to new observation programmes when requested and in line with global and regional observation priorities;
  - (c) Fostering stronger relationships with scientific institutions and related global networks to build capacity and the infusion of knowledge for the activities under its consideration;
  - (d) Exploring opportunities to leverage and catalyse its resources to safeguard necessary research and observation activities in line with its strategic plan;
3. To request the Secretariat:
  - (a) To continue to invite parties and relevant international organizations, including space agencies, scientific and research institutions, United Nations entities, international financial institutions and the private sector, as appropriate, to make financial and/or in-kind contributions towards well-defined and well-budgeted project proposals developed under the Trust Fund;
  - (b) To report to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting on the operation of, contributions to and expenditure from the Trust Fund and on the activities funded from the Trust Fund since its inception, as well as on the activities of the Advisory Committee.