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

**Bureau of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to
the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the
Ozone Layer
First meeting**

Paris, 16 November 2014

**Report of the second meeting of the Bureau of the ninth meeting
of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for
the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the first meeting of the
Bureau of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to
the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the
Ozone Layer**

I. Opening of the meeting

1. The second meeting of the Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the first meeting of the Bureau of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer were held at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris, on Sunday, 16 November 2014.

2. The meetings, which were held jointly, were opened at 4.05 p.m. by Ms. Nino Tkhilava (Georgia), President of the Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention. The discussions on items 1–3 of the agenda for the meetings were chaired by Ms. Tkhilava, while discussions on items 4–9 were chaired by Mr. Oleksandr Nastasenکو (Ukraine), President of the Bureau of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

3. The meetings were attended by the following members of the Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention:

President:	Ms. Nino Tkhilava, Georgia (Eastern European States)
Vice-Presidents:	Mr. Alain Wilmart, Belgium (Western European and other States) Mr. John Sandy, Trinidad and Tobago (Latin American and Caribbean States) Mr. Ezzat Lewis Hannalla Agaiby, Egypt (African States)
Rapporteur:	Ms. Bitul Zulhasni, Indonesia (Asian-Pacific States).

4. The meetings were attended by the following members of the Bureau of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol:

- President: Mr. Oleksandr Nastasenکو, Ukraine (Eastern European States)
- Vice-Presidents: Mr. Joseph Sakala, Zambia (African States)
Mr. Italo Córdova, El Salvador (Latin American and Caribbean States)
Mr. Malcolm McKee, New Zealand (Western European and other States)
- Rapporteur: Ms. Ella S. Deocadiz, Philippines (Asian-Pacific States)

5. The full list of participants is set out in the annex to the present report.

6. In her opening remarks, Ms. Tina Birmpili, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, welcomed participants to the meeting.

II. Adoption of the agenda

7. The provisional agenda for the meetings (, set out in document UNEP/OzL.Conv.9/Bur.2/1-UNEP/OzL.Pro.25/Bur.1/1, was adopted as follows:

1. Opening of the meetings.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention at its ninth meeting and related matters:
 - (a) Outcome of the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention;
 - (b) First meeting of the Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
4. Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
5. Overview of the working documents prepared for 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.
6. Review of the agenda and presentation of a road map for the conduct 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.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report.
9. Closure of the meetings.

III. Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention at its ninth meeting and related matters

8. Introducing the item, the President drew attention to a note by the Secretariat on work to date on the implementation of decisions, an overview of working documents and a road map for 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 (UNEP/OzL.Conv.9/Bur.2/2-UNEP/OzL.Pro25/Bur.1/2) and, in particular, to annexes I and II to the note by the Secretariat, containing, respectively, a broad overview of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting, held in Bali from 21 to 25 November 2011, and actions taken on the decisions adopted by the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, as of September 2014.

9. The bureaux took note of the information provided.

A. Outcome of the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention

10. The representative of the Secretariat drew attention to notes by the Secretariat on the General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention (UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/5) and on the recommendations of the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention (UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/6).

B. First meeting of the Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

11. Speaking also on behalf of her predecessor, Mr. Mikheil Tushishvili (Georgia), the President said that the main objective of the first meeting of the Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, held in Geneva from 14 to 16 May 2014, had been to review the recommendations made by the Ozone Research Managers at their ninth meeting. Members of the Bureau had attended the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers, thereby enhancing their understanding of the issues on the agenda of the meeting. The recommendations had been categorized into four topics, namely, research needs; systematic observation; data archiving and capacity-building.

12. Having reviewed the outcome of the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers, the Bureau had agreed to work on a proposal for a way forward regarding the General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention for submission to the parties for their consideration. The proposal was contained in a conference room paper before the bureaux entitled "Recommendations of the ninth meeting of the Ozone Research Managers: submission by the [President of the] Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention." The bureaux also had before them a conference room paper entitled "General Trust Fund for Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention: submission by the [President of the] Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention." She invited members to provide comments on the two proposals.

13. In response to a question on the outcome of a review of the General Trust Fund, the Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat said that, at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, the World Meteorological Organization and the Ozone Secretariat would present a report on all systematic monitoring and research activities funded to date. She stressed that the members of the Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention had agreed that it was necessary to develop proposals on the recommendations of the Ozone Research Managers and the General Trust Fund to ensure the continuation of systematic research, measurements and monitoring given their fundamental importance in understanding the state of the ozone layer and the relationship between ozone depletion and climate change. The proposal on the General Trust Fund called for the development of specific short-term activities together with long-term planning on research and observation with the aim of enhancing parties' confidence in the Fund and encouraging contributions thereto.

14. Regarding the proposal on the General Trust Fund, one member requested a breakdown of the membership of the proposed small steering committee for the trust fund.

15. In response to a request for clarification, the President said that the establishment of the small steering committee did not have any financial implications.

16. The President invited members to submit comments on the two draft proposals by 1 p.m. on the following day. If comments were received on either proposal, that proposal would be submitted for consideration by 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 as submissions by the Bureau. If no such comments were received on a proposal, it would be presented as a submission by Georgia and any other parties that might wish to co-sponsor it.

IV. Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

17. Introducing the item, the Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat highlighted key aspects of activities undertaken in response to the 21 decisions adopted by the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

18. Regarding the decisions on the ratification of amendments to the Protocol, she expressed satisfaction that all the amendments had been ratified by all 197 parties to the Protocol with the exception of the Beijing Amendment, which one party, Mauritania, had yet to ratify.

19. Regarding action on decision XXV/5 to promote a transition from ozone-depleting substances that minimized environmental impact, the Secretariat had compiled the information received from parties on the matter in an information document made available to the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-fourth meeting. An updated summary of that information was contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/9.
20. In addition, in response to the same decision, the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel had provided a report containing updated information on alternatives to ozone-depleting substances in various sectors and subsectors and an assessment of those alternatives against various criteria. Following consideration of that report by the Open-ended Working Group at its thirty-fourth meeting, the Panel had been requested to submit further information. The Panel's full report would be presented in a background document for the consideration of the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
21. The Secretariat had organized, back-to-back with the thirty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group in July 2014, a two-day workshop on hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) management issues, at which the technical aspects of HFC phase-down had been considered, including with regard to low-global-warming-potential alternatives to HFCs (UNEP/OzL.Pro/Workshop.7/3).
22. Turning to the issue of the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, she said that the Panel had been requested to supplement the information it had provided on the matter to the Open-ended Working Group at its thirty-fourth meeting. The supplementary report responded to the suggestions made by the Working Group in relation to the assessment of the funding required to replenish the Fund for the period 2015–2017 and set out indicative amounts of funding required for the trienniums 2018–2020 and 2021–2023.
23. Regarding decisions on non-compliance with the Montreal Protocol, their implementation was overseen by the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol, and the President of the Committee would report on compliance issues addressed at the Committee's fifty-second and fifty-third meetings.
24. Regarding the reorganization of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, the Panel and its technical options committees had been working on the renomination and reappointment of existing members of the Panel and its committees, together with the nomination and appointment of new members, for consideration by the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
25. The bureaux took note of the information provided.

V. Overview of the working documents prepared for 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

26. The Executive Secretary drew attention to annex III to the note by the Secretariat on work to date on the implementation of decisions, an overview of working documents and a road map for 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 (UNEP/OzL.Conv.9/Bur.2/2-UNEP/OzL.Pro25/Bur.1/2), which listed the documents for 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 as at 30 September 2014. She noted the omission in the annex of an addendum to the note by the Secretariat on draft decisions for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Conv.10/3-UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/3). She also drew attention to notes by the Secretariat on the benefits of addressing HFCs under the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro/26/INF/5), on frequently asked questions on a proposed amendment to the Montreal Protocol submitted by Canada, Mexico and the United States of America (UNEP/OzL.Pro/26/INF/6) and a discussion paper submitted by the European Union on enabling a global phase-down of HFCs (UNEP/OzL.Pro/26/INF/7).
27. The bureaux took note of the information provided.

VI. Review of the agenda and presentation of a road map for the conduct 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

28. The Executive Secretary provided an overview of the agenda and the proposed conduct 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, noting that the preparatory segment would be opened by Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in the presence of Ms. Ségolène Royal, Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy of France.

29. The representative of the Secretariat drew attention to paragraphs 45–53 of 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- UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/2), which highlighted the need for nominations by parties of members to serve in Montreal Protocol bodies in 2015. Regarding the Implementation Committee, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cuba, Italy and Morocco would need to be replaced or re-elected to serve on the Committee by their respective regional groups, while Canada, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Lebanon and Poland would complete the first year of their two-year terms in 2014 and would therefore continue as members for 2015. Following the election of its new and continuing members, the Committee would also need to select its President and Vice-President from among its members.

30. Regarding the Executive Committee for the Multilateral Fund, in accordance with its terms of reference the Executive Committee comprised seven members from parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol and seven members from parties not so operating. Each of the two groups of parties elected its members, reporting their names to the Secretariat for endorsement by the Meeting of the Parties. The Committee would then elect from among its members a chair and a vice-chair, which offices alternated each year between parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 and parties not so operating. The parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 would be expected to nominate the Committee's chair for 2015 and the parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 would be expected to nominate its vice-chair. The Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties would be expected to select the co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group for 2015, one from among the parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 and another from among the parties not so operating.

31. The membership of the bureaux 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 would expire immediately after the opening of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention. It was expected that the positions of the presidents of the two bureaux would be filled by representatives of Latin America and the Caribbean, that the rapporteurs would be drawn from the representatives of the Eastern European region and that the three vice-presidents of each bureau would be drawn from the representatives of the remaining three regions.

32. Regarding financial matters and budgets, the Executive Secretary said that the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund would be of prime importance for the Meeting of the Parties. She suggested that parties might wish to provide additional funding for the celebration in 2015 of the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna Convention.

33. She drew attention to the draft decisions approved by the Open-ended Working Group at its thirty-fourth meeting, two proposed amendments to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/5 and UNEP/OzL.Pro.26/6) and a discussion paper on enabling a global phase-down of HFCs (UNEP/OzL.Pro/26/INF/7). Another important issue for consideration by the parties would be essential-use and critical-use exemptions.

10. A number of high-level representatives had confirmed their attendance at the ministerial round table to be held on the second day of the high-level segment, including representatives from Argentina, Bahrain, the European Union, Egypt, Maldives, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America. The round table, on the main challenges facing the Montreal Protocol in the coming decade, was intended to facilitate a more interactive discussion among high-level representatives than was traditionally seen during high-level segments. In addition, round table participants would be invited to provide brief statements. The Executive Secretary elaborated further on the proposed discussions at the ministerial round table, including representatives of Argentina, Bahrain, the

European Union, India, Maldives, Norway, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America. The round table would be facilitated by Mr. Fernando Lugris (Uruguay). A reception, jointly hosted by the Government of France and the Secretariat, would be held on the evening of the penultimate day of the meetings.

34. The bureaux took note of the information provided.

VII. Other matters

35. No other matters were discussed.

VIII. Adoption of the report

36. The bureaux agreed to entrust the Secretariat with the preparation of a draft report for circulation to the bureaux members for their comments. The report would then be finalized and presented to the bureau members for approval.

IX. Closure of the meeting

37. The President declared the meeting closed at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 16 November 2014.

Annex

List of participants

Joint Meeting of the Bureaux 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, Paris, Sunday, 16 November 2014

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