

**Montreal Protocol
on Substances that
Deplete the Ozone Layer**

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**Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties
to the Montreal Protocol on Substances
that Deplete the Ozone Layer**
Bangkok, 14 July 2026

**Issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the
Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal
Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer**

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer did not reach agreement on the membership of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol for 2026. The same Meeting of the Parties adopted decision XXXVII/21, in which it authorized the Ozone Secretariat to organize an extraordinary Meeting of the Parties during the forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol to enable parties to take a decision on the outstanding membership of the Implementation Committee, prior to the seventy-sixth meeting of the Committee. The provisional agenda of the Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro.ExMOP.6/1), which is based on the annex to decision XXXVII/21, contains only one substantive agenda item, namely the membership of the Implementation Committee, and has been made available on the meeting portal,¹ as will all other documents related to the meeting.

2. The present note sets out an overview of the issues on the provisional agenda for the Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties. Section I provides an introduction, and section II provides a brief summary of the background of each item on the provisional agenda.

3. The forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group will be held from 13 to 17 July 2026. The Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties will be held on 14 July 2026, and the seventy-sixth meeting of the Implementation Committee will take place on 18 and 19 July 2026.

**II. Overview of items on the provisional agenda for the
Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties****A. Opening of the meeting (item 1 of the provisional agenda)**

4. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 14 July 2026 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.

5. The meeting will be chaired by Paul Krajnik, President of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

¹ <https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/sixth-extraordinary-meeting-parties>.

B. Organizational matters (item 2 of the provisional agenda)**1. Adoption of the agenda (item 2 (a))**

6. Pursuant to rule 13 of the rules of procedure for Meetings of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, the provisional agenda for an extraordinary meeting is to consist only of those items proposed for consideration in the request for the holding of the extraordinary meeting and is to be distributed to the parties at the same time as the invitation to the extraordinary meeting. Accordingly, the advance version of the provisional agenda for the Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties was attached to the invitation sent to the parties on 16 March 2026. The provisional agenda will be before the parties for adoption.

2. Organization of work (item 2 (b))

7. The President of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties is expected to outline a plan of work for discussing the items on the agenda.

3. Credentials of representatives (item 2 (c))

8. Pursuant to rule 18 of the rules of procedure for Meetings of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, the credentials of representatives are to be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the officers of the meeting will examine the credentials and submit their report thereon to the parties. In accordance with rule 20, pending a decision of the meeting regarding their credentials, representatives will be entitled to participate provisionally in the meeting.

9. Considering that the Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties is scheduled to be held on a single day (14 July 2026), the Bureau of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties is expected to meet in the morning on the same day, before the opening of the meeting. Consequently, representatives are requested to submit their original credentials at the meeting venue, if possible, by 13 July 2026, the first day of the forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, to enable the Bureau to examine the credentials before the opening of the Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties and report on the conclusion of its review under this agenda item. In addition, parties are encouraged to submit a scanned copy of their credentials in advance by email to the Secretariat (pablo.moscosodelacuba@un.org, with a copy to jacqueline.nyanjui@un.org).

C. Membership of the Implementation Committee for 2026 (item 3 of the provisional agenda)

10. Each year, the ordinary Meeting of the Parties considers the membership of the Implementation Committee for the next year. In accordance with the non-compliance procedure adopted by the Fourth Meeting of the Parties and amended by the Tenth Meeting of the Parties, the Committee consists of 10 parties, each of which selects an individual to represent it. Those parties are elected for two years on the basis of equitable geographical distribution; that is, two are elected to represent each of the regional groupings of African States, Asia-Pacific States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States and Western European and other States. Committee members may serve two consecutive two-year terms. A party that has completed a second consecutive two-year term as a Committee member is eligible for election again only after an absence of one year from the Committee.

11. In decision XXXV/22, the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties elected Chile, Czechia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya and the United States of America as members of the Committee for a two-year period beginning on 1 January 2024. Following the usual practice, the Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties confirmed, through decision XXXVI/18, the positions of those five parties as members of the Committee for one further year, for 2025. The terms of office of those five members of the Committee therefore expired on 31 December 2025. Czechia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Kenya concluded the second year of their first two-year terms in 2025 and could be replaced or re-elected. Chile and the United States of America concluded their second two-year terms in 2025 and had to be replaced.

12. In decision XXXVI/18, the Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties elected Benin, the Dominican Republic, Montenegro, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Saudi Arabia as members of the Committee for a two-year period beginning on 1 January 2025. The terms of office of those five members will therefore continue until 31 December 2026.
13. The Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol considered the issue of membership of the Implementation Committee for 2026.² The Secretariat informed the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties that it had received nominations from the groups of African States (Kenya), Asia-Pacific States (Lebanon), Latin American and Caribbean States (Ecuador) and Western European and other States (Norway).³ No nomination had been received from the group of Eastern European States.
14. During a plenary session of the preparatory segment of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties, Czechia presented its candidacy for the remaining seat, for the Eastern European States, on the Implementation Committee. That candidacy was supported by several parties. Other parties objected to the nomination on various grounds, including that self-nomination was not in accordance with established practice and that nominations had to be agreed on within the regional groups. Responding to a question, the Co-Chair of the preparatory segment confirmed that self-nomination did not constitute a breach of the rules of procedure of the Montreal Protocol. Some parties pointed out that a self-nomination procedure had already been followed at that meeting, when Kazakhstan had nominated itself for a seat on the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol.⁴
15. Responding to questions from parties, a representative of the Secretariat said that the five members of the Committee who were halfway through their two-year terms of office (Benin, Dominican Republic, Montenegro, Kingdom of the Netherlands and Saudi Arabia) had been elected in 2024 for a term lasting from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2026 and would therefore remain members of the Committee even in the absence of a decision confirming their second year in office. The representative of the Secretariat added that if no decision was taken on new members of the Committee and if it was necessary to convene a meeting of the Implementation Committee, the meeting could be convened with the five existing members.⁵
16. In decision XXXVII/21, the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties authorized the Secretariat to organize an extraordinary Meeting of the Parties, with the proposed agenda for the meeting set out in the annex to the decision, and without a previously suggested draft decision on the membership of the Implementation Committee. Instead of such a suggestion, the Secretariat would prepare and circulate a standard draft decision in advance of the extraordinary meeting.⁶
17. A placeholder draft decision on the membership of the Implementation Committee is set out in the annex to the present note and contains the three paragraphs included in such decisions in accordance with standard practice.
18. At the high-level segment of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties, the issue of membership in the Eastern European Group of States was discussed under the agenda item entitled “Other matters”. The Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties agreed that interested parties would continue discussions in the intersessional period and that the Secretariat would provide a summary of background information by the forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.⁷ Paragraphs 296–308 of the meeting report (UNEP/OzL.Pro/37/9) set out a summary of the discussions on the matter. The note summarizing the situation of the membership of the Eastern European Group is available as an information document for the forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties and the Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/48/INF/4–UNEP/OzL.Pro.ExMOP.6/INF/1).

² UNEP/OzL.Pro.37/9, paras. 19–36.

³ Upon receipt by the Secretariat, the nominations received from regional groups were posted on the meeting portal for the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties (<https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/thirty-seventh-meeting-parties>).

⁴ UNEP/OzL.Pro/37/9, para. 38.

⁵ Under paragraph 5 of rule 26 of the rules of procedure for Meetings of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, a majority of the parties designated by the meeting to take part in a committee or working group constitutes a quorum. Any work that the Committee may need to carry out prior to the election of the members who will serve until 31 December 2027 would be carried out by the five members selected by the Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties. The quorum would be three members.

⁶ UNEP/OzL.Pro/37/9, paras. 19–36.

⁷ UNEP/OzL.Pro/37/9, paras. 296–308.

D. Adoption of the report of the meeting (item 4 of the provisional agenda)

19. Under this agenda item, the parties are expected to adopt the report of the Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

E. Closure of the meeting (item 5 of the provisional agenda)

20. The Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol is expected to be closed by 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 July 2026.

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Annex**Draft decision Ex.VI/1/[A]: Membership of the Implementation Committee**

The Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties decides:

1. To note with appreciation the work carried out by the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 2025;
2. To confirm the positions of Benin, the Dominican Republic, Montenegro, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Saudi Arabia as members of the Committee to serve until 31 December 2026 and to select -----, -----, -----, ----- and ----- as members of the Committee to serve until 31 December 2027;
3. To note the selection of ----- (-----) to serve as President and ----- (-----) to serve as Vice-President and Rapporteur of the Committee until 31 December 2026.

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