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DECLARATIONS

made at the time of adoption of the Final
Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries
on the Protection of the Ozone Layer
(21 March 1985)

1. The delegations of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland express their regret at the absence in the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer of any provision for the compulsory settlement of disputes by third parties upon the request of one party. Consistently with their traditional support for such a procedure, these delegations appeal to all Parties to the Convention to make use of the possibility of a declaration under article 11, paragraph 3, of the Convention.
2. The delegation of Egypt reiterates the concern of its Government for international and national efforts to protect the environment, including the protection of the ozone layer. For this reason, the delegation participated from the beginning in the preparatory work for the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protection of the Ozone Layer, and in the adoption of the Convention and the resolutions. While concurring in the consensus on article 1 of the Convention, the delegation of Egypt understands paragraph 6 of that article as being applicable to all regional organizations, including the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States, provided they meet the conditions laid down in this article to the effect that they have competence in respect of matters governed by the Convention and have been duly authorized by their member States in accordance with their internal procedures. While concurring in the consensus on article 2 of the Convention, the delegation of Egypt states that the first sentence in paragraph 2 of that article should be read in the light of the third preambular paragraph.

While concurring in the consensus on Resolution No.1 on Institutional and Financial Arrangements, the delegation of Egypt states that its approval of the third preambular paragraph of that resolution does not prejudice its position on the method of apportionment of contributions among member States, taking into account option 2 previously supported by the delegation of Egypt in the course of discussions on preparatory document UNEP/WG.94/13, according to which 80 per cent of the costs could be covered by industrialized countries and the remaining 20 per cent apportioned among member States on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessment.

3. The delegation of Japan, with regard to Resolution No.2 on a Protocol Concerning Chlorofluorocarbons, is of the opinion that a decision whether or not to continue the work on a protocol should await the results of the work of the Co-ordinating Committee on the Ozone Layer. Secondly, with regard to paragraph 6 of the above-mentioned resolution, in the opinion of the delegation of Japan, each country should decide how to control omissions of chlorofluorocarbons.