

Conference of Plenipotentiaries
on the Protection of the Ozone Layer
Vienna, 18-22 March 1985

Draft Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries
on the Protection of the Ozone Layer

(Proposal by the Drafting Committee)

1. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protection of the Ozone Layer was convened by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in pursuant to decision 12/14, section 1, paragraph 4, adopted by the Government Council of UNEP on 28 May 1984.

2. The Conference met at Vienna International Centre, Vienna, with the kind support of the Government of the Republic of Austria, from 18 to 22 March 1985.

3. All States were invited to participate in the Conference. The following States accepted the invitation and participated in the Conference:

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4. Observers from the following States attended the proceedings of the Conference:

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5. Observers from the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended the Conference:

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6. In the course of an inaugural ceremony, the Conference heard a welcoming address by Dr. Kurt Steyrer, Federal Minister for Health and Environmental Protection on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Austria. The Conference

was formally opened by Dr. Mostafa K. Tolba, the Executive Director of UNEP, who served as Secretary-General of the Conference and appointed Mr. Jerry O'Dell as Executive Secretary.

7. The Conference elected unanimously Mr. Winfried Lang (Austria) as its President.

8. The Conference also elected the following officers:

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Geraldo Eulalio do Nascimento e Silva (Brazil)
Mr. Mohamed El-Taher Shash (Egypt)
Mr. Rune Lönngren (Sweden)
Mr. Yuri Sedunov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
Rapporteur: Mr. Willem Kakebeeke (Netherlands)

9. The Conference adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
 - (b) Election of the President;
 - (c) Election of Vice-Presidents and Rapporteur;
 - (d) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (e) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
 - (f) Appointment of the Drafting Committee;
 - (g) Organization of the work of the Conference.
3. Consideration of the draft Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, and its technical annexes.
4. Consideration of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts for the Elaboration of a Global Framework Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, concerning a draft Protocol on Chlorofluorocarbons.
5. Consideration of the report of the Credentials Committee.
6. Adoption of the Convention and other instruments as appropriate.
7. Adoption of the Final Act of the Conference.
8. Signature of final instruments.
9. Closing of the Conference.

10. The Conference adopted as its rules of procedure document UNEP/IG.53/2 proposed by the secretariat, as amended (UNEP/IG.53/2/Corr.1).

11. In conformity with the rules of procedure, the Conference established the following Committees:

Committee of the Whole

The President of the Conference

Chairman

General Committee

Chairman: The President of the Conference

Members: The Vice-Presidents of the Conference, the Rapporteur and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee

Drafting Committee

Chairman: Mr. Waguih Saeid Hanafi (Egypt)
Ms. Satu Nurmi (Finland)
Mr. Philippe Seigneurin (France)
Mr. Vadim Backoumov (USSR)
Mr. Patrick Szell (United Kingdom)
Mr. Scott A. Hajost (USA)

12. The main documents which served as the basis for the deliberations of the Conference were:

- Fifth Revised Draft Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (UNEP/IG.53/3)
- Final Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts for the Elaboration of a Global Framework Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (UNEP/IG.53/4).

13. In addition, the Conference had before it a number of other documents that were made available to it by the Secretariat of UNEP. 1/

1/ Financial implications of the implementation of the Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer: Revised estimates, and comments by WMO (documents UNEP/WG.94/13, UNEP/WG.94/13/Add.1 and UNEP/WG.94/13/Add.2/Rev.1).

14. The Conference approved the recommendation of its Credentials Committee that the credentials of the representatives of the participating States should be recognized as being in order.

15. On the basis of the deliberations of the Committee of the Whole, the Conference on 22 March 1985 adopted the Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. The Convention, which is appended to this Final Act, will be open for signature at the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria in Vienna from 22 March 1985 to 21 September 1985, and at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 22 September 1985 to 21 March 1986.

16. The Conference also adopted the following resolutions which are appended to this Final Act:

1. Resolution on institutional and financial arrangements;
2. Resolution on a protocol concerning chlorofluorocarbons;
3. Tribute to the Government of the Republic of Austria.

17. At the time of the adoption of the Final Act, several States made declarations which are recorded in document UNEP/IG.53/5 appended hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the following representatives have signed this Final Act:

DONE at Vienna this twenty second day of March one thousand nine hundred and eighty five in one original in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each language version being equally authentic. The original text will be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.