

**Implementation Committee under the
Non-Compliance Procedure for the
Montreal Protocol
Seventieth meeting
Bangkok, 1 July 2023**

**Conclusions and recommendations adopted by the
Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance
Procedure for the Montreal Protocol at its seventieth meeting**

**I. Conclusions to be noted in the meeting report, not in the form of formal
recommendations**

A. Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Committee therefore agreed to note with appreciation that the Democratic Republic of the Congo had submitted all outstanding data in accordance with its data reporting obligations under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol and decision XXXIV/14, and that the data submitted confirmed that the party was in compliance with the Protocol's control measures for 2021.

B. Israel

The Committee therefore agreed to note with appreciation that Israel had submitted all outstanding data in accordance with its data reporting obligations under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol and decision XXXIV/14 and recommendation 69/2 of the Implementation Committee, and that the data submitted confirmed that the party was in compliance with the Protocol's control measures for 2021.

C. Russian Federation

The Committee therefore agreed to note with appreciation that the Russian Federation had submitted all outstanding data in accordance with its data reporting obligations under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol and decision XXXIV/14, and that the data submitted confirmed that the party was in compliance with the Protocol's control measures for 2021.

D. San Marino

The Committee therefore agreed to note with appreciation that San Marino had submitted its outstanding data in accordance with the data reporting obligations under Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Montreal Protocol, as urged in decision XXXIV/14 and recommendation 69/3.

II. Formal recommendations by the Implementation Committee

A. Afghanistan

The Committee therefore agreed:

- (a) To note with concern that Afghanistan had not yet submitted its Article 7 data for 2021 to the Secretariat and therefore remained in non-compliance with its data reporting obligations under Article 7, paragraph 3, of the Montreal Protocol;

- (b) To urge Afghanistan to report to the Secretariat its data for 2021, in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 3, of the Montreal Protocol as a matter of urgency, and preferably no later than 15 September 2023, to enable the Committee to assess at its seventy-first meeting the status of compliance by the party with its data reporting obligations under the Montreal Protocol.

Recommendation 70/1

B. Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The Committee therefore agreed:

- (a) To note with concern that, notwithstanding recommendations 68/4 and 69/4 and repeated reminders, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea had not yet provided an explanation for the deviations between its reported Article 7 data for annual production of 24.81 ODP tonnes of HCFCs and annual consumption of 58.03 ODP tonnes of HCFCs for 2021 and its commitment, as set out in decision XXXII/6, to reduce its production and consumption of HCFCs to no more than 24.80 ODP tonnes and 58.00 ODP tonnes, respectively, for that year;
- (b) To request the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as a matter of urgency, to provide an explanation for the deviations, and to do so no later than 15 September 2023, and, if appropriate, to submit a revised plan of action to ensure its return to compliance with the control measures of the Montreal Protocol for HCFCs in 2023, for consideration by the Implementation Committee at its seventy-first meeting;
- (c) To also request the party to submit its progress report on the invitation of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties set out in decision XXXII/6, paragraph 5, to establish additional national policies facilitating HCFC phase-out that might include, but would not be limited to, bans on imports, on production or on new installations, and certification of refrigeration technicians and companies, for consideration by the Implementation Committee at its seventy-first meeting;
- (d) To further request the party to report to the Secretariat its data for 2022, in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 3, of the Montreal Protocol, preferably no later than 15 September 2023, to enable the Committee to assess the status of compliance by the party with its commitments for 2022 as set out in decision XXXII/6, at its seventy-first meeting;
- (e) To continue to monitor closely the progress made by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in implementing its plan of action and phasing out HCFCs.

Recommendation 70/2

C. Kazakhstan

The Committee therefore agreed:

- To request Kazakhstan to report to the Secretariat its data for 2022, in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 3, of the Montreal Protocol, preferably no later than 15 September 2023, to enable the Committee to assess at its seventy-first meeting the status of compliance by Kazakhstan with its commitments for 2022 as set out in decision XXIX/14.

Recommendation 70/3

D. Libya

The Committee therefore agreed:

- (a) To note with appreciation the submission by Libya of a further update on the progress made towards implementing its commitments as set out in decision XXVII/11, including imposing a ban on the procurement of air-conditioning equipment containing HCFCs and considering a ban on the import of such equipment;
- (b) To request Libya to submit to the Secretariat, by 15 March 2024, a further update on the progress made towards the implementation of the actions set out in decision XXVII/11, paragraph 2 (c), for consideration by the Implementation Committee at its seventy-second meeting.

Recommendation 70/4

E. Status of licensing systems for hydrofluorocarbons

The Committee therefore agreed:

- (a) To take note with appreciation of the report on the status of establishment and implementation of import and export licensing systems for Annex F controlled substances under Article 4B, paragraph 2 bis, of the Montreal Protocol;
- (b) To note with appreciation that 132 parties to the Kigali Amendment to the Protocol had reported the establishment and implementation of such licensing systems in accordance with Article 4B, paragraph 3, of the Montreal Protocol, and that another five parties that had not yet ratified the Kigali Amendment had also reported the establishment and implementation of such licensing systems;
- (c) To urge the 13 parties listed in the appendix to the present recommendation to provide information to the Secretariat on the establishment of their licensing systems and to do so as a matter of urgency, and preferably before 15 September 2023;
- (d) To continue reviewing periodically the status of the establishment and implementation of such licensing systems by all parties to the Kigali Amendment to the Protocol in accordance with Article 4B, paragraph 2 bis, of the Protocol and consider any appropriate recommendations to the parties.

Appendix to the recommendation

Parties that have not yet reported on the establishment of licensing systems according to Article 4B, paragraph 3:

Angola	Mozambique
Congo	San Marino
El Salvador	Sao Tome and Principe
Ethiopia	Somalia
Lesotho	Tajikistan
Liberia	Zambia
Mali	

Recommendation 70/5