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**Adoption of decisions by the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of
the Parties to the Montreal Protocol**

**Draft decisions for the consideration of the Twenty-Eighth
Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol**

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The purpose of the present note is to assist parties in the discussion of items on the agenda for the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol by presenting in one document a number of draft decisions that are expected to be discussed at the meeting. The presentation of these draft decisions, which are set out in sections II and III below, does not preclude parties from proposing amendments to the draft decisions or proposing new decisions on any item on the agenda.
2. The draft decisions in the present note are of two kinds. Section II below sets out draft decisions that were considered by the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer at its thirty-eighth meeting and forwarded by the Working Group for consideration by the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties. The full set of draft decisions is enclosed in square brackets to indicate that they are expected to be considered, amended and adopted as deemed appropriate by the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties. Section II does not include the draft decision text set out in the two conference room papers submitted by Pakistan and the conference room paper submitted by India because that text will be considered at the resumed thirty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (see note by the Secretariat),¹ which will begin just prior to the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties. The results of the resumed thirty-eighth meeting will be reported to the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties for such further action as it considers appropriate.
3. Section III below sets out placeholder draft decisions prepared by the Secretariat on financial and administrative matters on which parties have historically adopted decisions at their annual meetings.

* UNEP/OzL.Pro.28/1.

¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/resumed.38/2, annexes III, IV and V.

II. Draft decisions submitted by parties during the thirty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group for consideration by the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties

Draft decision XXVIII/[A]: Essential-use exemption for laboratory and analytical uses for 2017 in China

Submission by China

The Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties decides:

Noting with appreciation the work done by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and its Medical and Chemicals Technical Options Committee,

Recalling decision XI/15, by which the parties, among other things, eliminated the use of ozone-depleting substances for the testing of oil, grease and total petroleum hydrocarbons in water from the global exemption for laboratory and analytical uses,

Recalling also decision XXIII/6, by which parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol were allowed until 31 December 2014 to deviate from the existing ban on the use of carbon tetrachloride for the testing of oil, grease and total petroleum hydrocarbons in water in individual cases where such parties considered doing so to be justified, and in which it was clarified that any deviation beyond that should take place only in accordance with an essential-use exemption in respect of the use of carbon tetrachloride for the testing of oil, grease and total petroleum hydrocarbons in water beyond 2014,

Noting that China has reported difficulty in implementing existing alternatives to the use of carbon tetrachloride for the testing of oil, grease and total petroleum hydrocarbons in water and has indicated that it needs more time for the revision and promotion of national standards, and also noting that the party is taking necessary measures to implement the alternatives and has expressed willingness to continue doing so,

1. To encourage China, which has applied for an essential-use exemption for the use of carbon tetrachloride for the testing of oil, grease and total petroleum hydrocarbons in water, to complete the revision of its relevant national standard and to ensure that a revised national standard is brought into force as soon as possible with a view to ensuring a smooth transition to a method that does not use ozone-depleting substances;

2. To request that China, prior to submitting any further requests for essential-use exemptions for the use of ozone-depleting substances for the testing of oil, grease and total petroleum hydrocarbons in water, provide information on its evaluation of the use of other international analytical methods for such testing, on the national circumstances that make using them difficult, and on progress in the development of its own method and in the revision of the relevant national standard, as well as a timeline for the phase-out of carbon tetrachloride for laboratory and analytical uses, indicating the anticipated steps and dates in that process;

3. To authorize the level of consumption for China for 2017 necessary to satisfy essential uses of carbon tetrachloride for the testing of oil, grease and total petroleum hydrocarbons in water, as specified in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Essential-use authorizations for 2017 for carbon tetrachloride for the testing of oil, grease and total petroleum hydrocarbons in water

(Metric tonnes)

<i>Party</i>	<i>2017</i>
China	65

Draft decision XXVIII/[B]: Establishment of regular consultations on safety standards

Submission by China

The Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties decides:

Recalling that parties recognize the importance of timely updating of international standards for flammable low global warming potential (GWP) refrigerants, including IEC 60335-2-40, and support promoting actions that allow safe market introduction as well as the manufacturing, operation, maintenance and handling of zero-GWP and low-GWP refrigerants that are alternatives to hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs),

1. To establish regular consultations on international safety standards to make efforts to accelerate the revision of the relevant standards, and to contribute to a timely, technology-neutral update of relevant standards so as to enable safe use and market penetration of low-GWP alternatives required by relevant adjustment and/or amendment decisions adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, by coordinating with the relevant international standards bodies;
2. To request the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to establish a task force on safety standards and submit a report to the thirty-ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the following:
 - (a) Progress in the revision of international safety standards by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and other international standards bodies;
 - (b) Information concerning tests or assessments relevant to safety standards conducted by independent institutions;
 - (c) Assessment of the implications of international standards for the implementation of the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on accelerated phase-out of HCFCs and possible HFC control measures, and recommendations to the parties on promoting actions;
3. To request that the Ozone Secretariat:
 - (a) Liaise with the relevant international standards bodies (IEC and ISO) and regional standards bodies (European Committee for Standardization (CEN), European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC), etc.) to inform parties and to convey the concerns and expectations of the parties to the Montreal Protocol;
 - (b) Coordinate with national standards organizations of IEC to accelerate the revision of IEC 60335-2-40 and ensure that the requirements for the A2, A2L and A3 categories are revised synchronously using a fair, inclusive and scientifically sound approach;
 - (c) Provide information on subparagraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of the present decision to the international standards bodies for reference;
 - (d) Organize a two-day workshop on the safety standards relevant to the safe use of low-GWP alternatives back to back with the thirty-ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, subject to the availability of resources;
4. To encourage national authorities to take action in this area and invite parties to submit information on their domestic safety standards relevant to the use of low-GWP flammable refrigerants to the Ozone Secretariat by the end of 2016;
5. To encourage parties to take actions to strengthen connection and cooperation between national and regional standards committees and Montreal-Protocol-related national authorities;
6. To request the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol to consider maintaining or, if required, increasing the Fund's technical and capacity-building assistance, in particular through the Compliance Assistance Programme, with a view to improving cooperation between national authorities in charge of implementation of the Montreal Protocol and national and regional standards committees.

III. Placeholder draft decisions

Draft decision XXVIII/[AA]: Financial reports and budgets for the Montreal Protocol

The Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties decides:

Recalling decision XXVII/18 on the financial report and budget of the trust fund for the Montreal Protocol,

Taking note of the financial report on the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer for the year ended 31 December 2015,²

Recognizing that voluntary contributions are an essential complement for the effective implementation of the Montreal Protocol,

Welcoming the continued efficient management by the Secretariat of the finances of the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol,

1. To approve the revised 2016 budget in the amount of \$[XX] and the 2017 budget of \$[XX], as set out in annex [XX] to the report of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol;³
2. To reaffirm that a working capital reserve shall be maintained at a level of 15 per cent of the annual budget to meet the final expenditures under the Trust Fund, to note that such reserve shall be in the amount of \$[XX] for 2017 and to take note of the proposed reserve for 2018 in the amount of \$[XX];
3. To approve, as a consequence of funding the working capital reserve referred to in paragraph 2 of the present decision, total contributions to be paid by the parties of \$[XX] for 2016 and \$[XX] for 2017 and to take note of the contributions of \$[XX] for 2018 as set out in annex [XX] to the report of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties;
4. That the contributions of individual parties for 2017 and indicative contributions for 2018 shall be listed in annex [XX] to the report of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties;
5. To encourage parties and other stakeholders to contribute financially and by other means to assist the members of the assessment panels and their subsidiary bodies with a view to ensuring their continued participation in the assessment activities under the Protocol;
6. To note with concern that a number of parties have not paid their contributions for 2016 and prior years and to urge those parties to pay both their outstanding contributions and their future contributions promptly and in full, particularly given that the fund balance has been significantly depleted;
7. To request the Secretariat to ensure the full utilization of programme support costs available to it in 2016 and later years and where possible to offset those costs against the administrative components of the approved budget;
8. To encourage parties to provide additional voluntary contributions to the trust fund entitled "Support of the Activities of the Ozone Secretariat" for any unbudgeted meetings;
9. To request the Secretariat to indicate in future financial reports of the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol the amounts of cash on hand in the section entitled "Total reserves and fund balances" in addition to contributions that have not yet been received.

Draft decision XXVIII/[BB]: Membership of the Implementation Committee

The Twenty-Eighth 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 in 2016;

² UNEP/OzL.Pro.28/4/Add.1.

³ UNEP/OzL.Pro.28/[XX]. The revised 2016 and proposed 2017 and 2018 budgets are set out in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.28/4. They will be annexed to the decision after they have been discussed and approved by the parties.

2. To confirm the positions of Bangladesh, Canada, Haiti, Kenya and Romania as members of the Committee for one further year and to select [XX], [XX], [XX], [XX] and [XX] as members of the Committee for a two-year period beginning on 1 January 2017;

3. To note the selection of [XX (XX)] to serve as President and of [XX (XX)] to serve as Vice-President and Rapporteur of the Committee for one year beginning on 1 January 2017;

Draft decision XXVIII/[CC]: Membership of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund

The Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties decides:

1. To note with appreciation the work carried out by the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol with the assistance of the Fund secretariat in 2016;

2. To endorse the selection of [XX], [XX], [XX], [XX], [XX], [XX] and [XX] as members of the Executive Committee representing parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol and the selection of [XX], [XX], [XX], [XX], [XX], [XX] and [XX] as members representing parties operating under that paragraph, for one year beginning 1 January 2017;

3. To note the selection of [XX (XX)] to serve as Chair and [XX (XX)] to serve as Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee for one year beginning 1 January 2017;

Draft decision XXVIII/[DD]: Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

The Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties decides:

To endorse the selection of [XX (XX)] and [XX (XX)] as co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in 2017;

Draft decision XXVIII/[EE]: Dates and venue of the Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

The Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties decides:

To convene the Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in [XX] in [XX] 2017.]