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**Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to
the Montreal Protocol on Substances that
Deplete the Ozone Layer**

Twenty-seventh meeting
Nairobi 4–7 June 2007

Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The twenty-seventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol is scheduled to be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 June 2007, at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, Kenya. Owing to the fact that the Protocol Parties will also be holding a dialogue meeting on 2 and 3 June 2007, registration of participants will start at 8.30 a.m. on Friday, 1 June, at the same location. While on-site registration will be provided, participants are encouraged to pre-register well in advance of the meeting through the internet. Mr. Marco Gonzalez, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, will address the delegates at the opening of the meeting.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda¹ will be before the Working Group for adoption. Mr. Mikkel Aaman Sorensen (Denmark) and Ms. Marcia Levaggi (Argentina) will co-chair the meeting.

(b) Organization of work

3. The Working Group may wish to conduct its work in plenary and draw up a specific timetable for the work on the agenda.

3. Presentation of the synthesis report of the 2006 assessments of the Scientific Assessment Panel, the Environmental Effects Assessment Panel and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel

4. In accordance with Article 6 of the Protocol, the assessment panels have prepared their quadrennial report. The panels will present that report to the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting.

¹ UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/27/1.

4. Consideration of issues arising out the 2007 progress report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel

5. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel will present its 2007 progress report.

(a) Review of nominations for essential use exemptions for 2008 and 2009, taking into account decision IV/25

6. In accordance with decision IV/25, three Parties – the European Community, the Russian Federation and the United States of America – have submitted new requests for essential-use exemptions for chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) for metered-dose inhalers, applicable to the years 2008 and 2009. The Open-ended Working Group will be expected to consider the nominations, and also the recommendations of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on these matters and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

(b) Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and Executive Committee review of progress made in reducing the emissions from and the use of ozone-depleting substances as process agents and the implementation of emissions-reduction techniques and alternative processes and products (decision XVII/6)

7. By decision XVII/6, the Parties requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Executive Committee to report to the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting on various process agent-related matters. The Working Group is expected to consider related reports and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

(c) Technology and Economic Assessment Panel final report on carbon tetrachloride emissions and opportunities for reductions (decision XVIII/10)

8. By decision XVIII/10, the Parties requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to continue its assessment of carbon tetrachloride emissions and opportunities for reductions, by considering a number of specific topics, and to prepare a final report in time for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group. The Working Group is expected to consider the Panel's report on this matter and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

(d) Technology and Economic Assessment Panel report on n-propyl bromide emissions, alternatives available and opportunities for reductions (decision XVIII/11)

9. By decision XVIII/11, the Parties requested the Scientific Assessment Panel and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to provide updated information on n-propyl bromide for the consideration of the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting. The Working Group is expected to consider available reports on this matter and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

(e) Technology and Economic Assessment Panel report on assessment of measures for addressing ozone depletion, with a focus on hydrochlorofluorocarbons (decision XVIII/12)

10. By decision XVIII/12, the Parties requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to do further work to assess the measures listed in the report of the Ozone Secretariat workshop on the special report prepared by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (UNEP/OzL.Pro.18/5) and requested the Scientific Assessment Panel to consider the implications of their findings for the recovery of the ozone layer. The Working Group is expected to consider available reports on this matter and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

(f) **Technology and Economic Assessment Panel report on campaign production of chlorofluorocarbons for production of metered-dose inhalers (decision XVIII/16)**

11. By decision XVIII/16, the Parties requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to report to the Open-ended Working Group at its twenty-seventh meeting on various aspects related to the possibility of a final batch of CFCs being produced exclusively for metered-dose inhalers in both Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 and Parties not operating under that provision. The Working Group is expected to consider this matter and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

(g) **Any other issues arising out of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel reports**

12. In its progress report, the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel may raise other issues of importance that warrant consideration by the Parties. Such issues, which may include administrative matters, will be highlighted in the note by the Secretariat for the Open-ended Working Group meeting.

5. Consideration of methyl bromide-related issues

(a) **Review of nominations for critical use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2008 and 2009**

13. The Working Group will be expected to review the preliminary report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on nominations for critical use exemptions.

(b) **Report on quarantine and pre-shipment definitions and contacts with the International Plant Protection Convention relative to quarantine and pre-shipment matters (decision XVIII/14);**

14. Under this item, the Working Group will be expected to review the contacts that the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel has had with the International Plant Protection Convention and the factual information provided by the Secretariat on the definitions of quarantine and pre-shipment under the Protocol and the International Plant Protection Convention.

(c) **Report on development of alternative procedures for laboratory and analytical applications currently using methyl bromide (decision XVII/10, para. 8)**

15. Under this item, the Working Group will be expected to review the report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on the development and availability of laboratory and analytical procedures that can be performed without using methyl bromide and to make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

(d) **Multi-year exemptions for methyl bromide use (report of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.18/10), para. 94).**

16. At its preparatory segment, the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties agreed that the issue of multi-year critical use exemptions for methyl bromide would be put on the agenda of the present meeting. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to consider this issue and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

(e) **Options for preventing harmful trade in methyl bromide stocks to Article 5 Parties (decision Ex.I/4, paragraph 9, and paragraph 97 of the report of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.18/10))**

17. Pursuant to decision Ex.I/4, the Open-ended Working Group, at its twenty-sixth meeting, and the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties considered a report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on options which the Parties might wish to consider for preventing harmful trade in methyl bromide stocks to Article 5 Parties as consumption was reduced in non-Article 5 Parties. Following consideration of the Panel's report, the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties agreed, at its preparatory segment, that the matter should be discussed again at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group. The Working Group may wish to consider this and related matters and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

6. Review of the deferral of consideration by the Implementation Committee and the Meeting of the Parties of the carbon-tetrachloride compliance status of Parties operating under Article 5 which provide evidence that their deviation is due to the use of that chemical for analytical and laboratory processes (decision XVII/13)

18. In decision XVII/13, the Parties decided that consideration of the compliance status of Parties operating under Article 5 should be deferred, if such Parties which were in apparent non-compliance with the control provision for carbon tetrachloride could provide evidence that their deviation was due to the use of that chemical for laboratory and analytical laboratory purposes. This deferral is due to expire at the end of 2007. The Working Group is expected to discuss this matter and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

7. Future of the laboratory and analytical use exemption (decision XV/8)

19. In decision XV/8, the Parties agreed to extend the laboratory and analytical essential use exemption until 31 December 2007. Under this item, the Working Group is expected to consider the status of this exemption and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

8. Need for a study on the 2009–2011 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol

20. Under this item, the Working Group is expected to discuss the need and possible terms of reference for a study on the next replenishment of the Multilateral Fund.

9. Consideration of the request of the Executive Committee to change its terms of reference to modify if necessary the number of times that it meets

21. The Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund requested that the Secretariat bring to the attention of the Parties their desire that consideration should be given at the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties to a change in the terms of reference of the Executive Committee, to grant it the flexibility, if necessary, to modify the number of times that it meets each year. The Working Group may wish to consider this item and forward its recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

10. Compilation of Parties' comments on systems for monitoring transboundary movements of ozone-depleting substances (decision XVIII/18)

22. After considering the study of the consultant on the feasibility of developing a tracking system for monitoring the transboundary movement of ozone-depleting substances, the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties, in decision XVIII/18, invited the Parties to submit comments to the Secretariat on various aspects of the study. The Working Group may wish to consider related matters and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties.

11. Presentation of summary of key issues arising from the dialogue on future challenges to be faced by the Montreal Protocol (decision XVIII/36)

23. Pursuant to decision XVIII/36, the co-chairs of the dialogue on the future challenges to be faced by the Montreal Protocol will present their summary of key issues discussed during the dialogue.

12. Proposed areas of focus for the assessment panels' 2010 quadrennial report (Article 6 and decision XV/53)

24. Under this item, the Working Group is expected to discuss potential guidance to provide to the assessment panels relative to the 2010 assessment to be prepared pursuant to Article 6 of the Montreal Protocol.

13. Discussion of any proposed adjustments to the Montreal Protocol

25. Under this item, the Working Group is expected to consider any proposals for adjustments to the Protocol submitted pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 9, of the Montreal Protocol.

14. Discussion of any proposed amendments to the Montreal Protocol

26. Under this agenda item, the Working Group is expected to consider any proposals for amendments to the Protocol submitted pursuant to Article 9 of the Vienna Convention and Article 2, paragraph 10, of the Montreal Protocol.

15. Other matters

27. The Working Group may wish to discuss other matters that have been identified and agreed for consideration at the time the agenda is adopted.

16. Adoption of the report

28. The draft report of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group will be presented for adoption.

17. Closure of the meeting

29. The twenty-seventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group is scheduled to close on Thursday, 7 June 2007.
