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**Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to  
the Montreal Protocol on Substances that  
Deplete the Ozone Layer**  
Twenty-eighth meeting  
Bangkok, 7–11 July 2008

**Annotated provisional agenda**

**1. Opening of the meeting**

1. The twenty-eighth 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, 7 July 2008, at the United Nations Conference Centre, located at the headquarters of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, in Bangkok, Thailand. Registration of participants will begin at 8.30 a.m. on Friday, 4 July, 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 Ozone Secretariat's website (<http://ozone.unep.org>).

2. 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**

3. The provisional agenda<sup>1</sup> will be before the Working Group for adoption. Mr. Mikkel Aaman Sorensen (Denmark) and Ms. Judy Francis Beaumont (South Africa) will co-chair the meeting.

**(b) Organization of work**

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

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- 3. Issues arising out of the 2008 progress report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel or related matters held over from 2007**
- (a) **2008 progress report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel**
5. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel will present its 2008 progress report, including the report on methyl bromide critical-use nominations.
- (b) **Review of nominations for essential-use exemptions for 2009 and 2010**
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) applicable to the years 2009 and 2010. The Open-ended Working Group will be expected to consider the nominations, along with the recommendations of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on these matters, and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties.
- (c) **Summary of the scoping study addressing alternatives to hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) in the refrigeration and air-conditioning sectors in Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 (decision XIX/8)**
7. By decision XIX/8 the Parties requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to undertake a scoping study to assess alternatives to HCFCs in the refrigeration and air-conditioning sectors in Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 with specific reference to specific climatic conditions and unique operating conditions, such as those in mines that are not open pit mines, in some Article 5 Parties. In the process, the Panel was requested to identify areas requiring more detailed study of applicable alternatives. The twenty-eighth meeting of the Open Ended Working Group is expected to receive a status report from the Panel on this matter and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties.
- (d) **Study on projected regional imbalances in the availability of halon 1211, halon 1301 and halon 2402 and potential mechanisms for the improved prediction and mitigation of such imbalances in the future (decision XIX/16)**
8. By decision XIX/16 the Parties requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to examine projected regional imbalances in the availability of halons and to discuss potential mechanisms that might be used to predict and mitigate such imbalances in the future. The Working Group is expected to consider the Panel's report and make recommendations, as warranted, to the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties.
- (e) **Review of and recommendations on process-agent use exemptions; on insignificant emission associated with uses and process-agent uses that could be added to or deleted from table A of decision X/14 (decision XVII/6)**
9. By decision XVII/6 the Parties requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to report on and make recommendations to the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties, and every other year thereafter, on process-agent use exemptions, on insignificant emissions associated with process-agent uses, and on process-agent uses that could be added to or deleted from table A of decision X/14. The Working Group will be expected to consider the Panel's report on these matters and make recommendations, as appropriate, for the consideration of the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
- (f) **Final report on carbon tetrachloride emissions and opportunities for reductions (decision XVIII/10)**
10. By decision XVIII/10 the Parties requested the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to continue considering a number of topics related to carbon tetrachloride emissions and to prepare a final report in time for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group in 2007. Owing to time constraints, however, the Panel was unable to complete its work in time for consideration in 2007 and it agreed to address this request in its 2008 progress report. The Working Group is expected to consider the Panel's report on this matter and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties.

**(g) Report on n-propyl bromide emissions, alternatives and opportunities for reductions (decision XVIII/11) and related proposal**

11. 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 Technology and Economic Assessment Panel presented its work for consideration by the Parties in 2007. A related proposed decision was also considered, but, owing to time constraints, the Parties were unable to complete their deliberations. Accordingly, it was agreed that the issue would be taken up at a later time. The Working Group may wish to consider available reports or proposals on this matter and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties.

**(h) Review of nominations for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2009 and 2010**

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

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

13. The Working Group will discuss the issue of campaign production of metered-dose inhalers (decision XVIII/16), which was not concluded during the discussions in 2007. Bangladesh and the Islamic Republic of Iran requested it to be reconsidered during the present meeting. In addition, 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 meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.

**4. Report of the Executive Committee on case studies called for under decision XVII/17 on environmentally sound destruction of ozone-depleting substances (decision XVIII/9)**

14. By decision XVIII/9 the Parties requested the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund to conduct case studies relating to the environmentally sound destruction of ozone-depleting substances and to submit a final report on the matter to the twenty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group. The Working Group is expected to consider the report and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties.

**5. Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (decision XIX/10)**

15. The Working Group is expected to consider the report of the Assessment Panel on this issue and begin debate on the next replenishment of the Multilateral Fund.

**6. Consideration of a multi-year agenda for the work of the Parties to the Protocol (paragraph 134 of the report of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties)**

16. At their Nineteenth Meeting the Parties considered a draft proposal on a multi-year agenda of work that might be undertaken by future meetings of the Parties. Owing to time constraints, however, it was agreed that this issue should be deferred until a later date. The Working Group may wish to consider how to deal with this issue, which remains open from the 2007 agenda.

**7. Discussion of any proposed adjustments to the Montreal Protocol**

17. The Working Group is expected to consider a joint proposal for adjustment to the Montreal Protocol submitted by Kenya and Mauritius pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 9, of the Montreal Protocol to reduce the allowance of methyl bromide produced for basic domestic needs by Parties not operating under Article 5 for export to Parties operating under Article 5.

**8. Discussion of any proposed amendments to the Montreal Protocol**

18. 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.

**9. Other matters**

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

**10. Adoption of the report**

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

**11. Closure of the meeting**

21. The twenty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group is scheduled to close on Friday, 11 July 2008.

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