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**Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to
the Montreal Protocol on Substances that
Deplete the Ozone Layer
Thirty-second meeting
Bangkok, 23–27 July 2012**

Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The thirty-second 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, 23 July 2012, at the United Nations Conference Centre, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok. Registration of participants will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 22 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 website (www.montreal-protocol.org). Mr. Marco González, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, will address representatives at the opening of the meeting.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda will be before the Working Group for adoption. Ms. Gudi Akermade (Netherlands) and Mr. Gazi Odat (Jordan) will co-chair the meeting.

(b) Organization of work

3. The Working Group may wish to conduct its work in plenary session and to draw up a timetable for dealing with the items on its agenda. The co-chair will propose options for organizing the work of the meeting, which the Working Group may wish to consider.

3. 2012 progress report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel

4. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel will present its 2012 progress report, including its reports on requests for essential-use exemptions, its response to parties' enquiries on process agents and laboratory and analytical uses of ozone-depleting substances and a summary of progress in the various sectors of use of ozone-depleting substances.

4. Issues related to exemptions from Article 2 of the Montreal Protocol

(a) Nominations for essential-use exemptions for 2013 and 2014

5. The Open-ended Working Group is expected to consider the nominations of parties for essential-use exemptions for 2013 and 2014 and the recommendations of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel in respect of those nominations.

(b) Nominations for critical-use exemptions for 2013 and 2014

6. The Working Group will hear a presentation on the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel's initial review of parties' requests for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide.

(c) Quarantine and pre-shipment issues (decision XXIII/5, paragraphs 5 to 7)

7. In accordance with decision XXIII/5, the Technology and Economic Assessment panel has prepared a report summarizing quarantine and pre-shipment data on a regional basis, providing analysis of trends in that data, and providing guidance on procedures and methods for the collection of related data for parties that have not yet established such procedures and methods or wish to improve existing ones. The Working Group is expected to hear and discuss the Panel's presentation of the report and to consider what actions, if any, it wishes to recommend to the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties. In addition, the Working Group is expected to take note of the Ozone Secretariat's report on its efforts to enhance collaboration with the secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention with a view to facilitating the wider dissemination of information on alternatives to methyl bromide for quarantine uses.

(d) Global laboratory and analytical use exemptions (decision XXIII/6, paragraphs 6 to 9)

8. In accordance with decision XXIII/6, the Panel has prepared information and advice on means and methods of achieving a transition to the use of non-ozone-depleting substances for laboratory and analytical uses and a report on progress made in assisting parties in their transition. The Working Group is expected to consider related matters and to make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties.

(e) Process agents (decision XXIII/7)

9. Consistent with decision XXIII/7, the Panel has updated its findings on a group of remaining process agent uses, estimated emissions from process agent uses and their impact on ozone and climate and considered the use of carbon tetrachloride in the production of vinyl chloride monomer. The Working Group is expected to consider the findings of the Panel on these matters and to consider what recommendations, if any, it wishes to make to the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties.

5. Montreal Protocol treatment of ozone-depleting substances used to service ships (decision XXIII/11)

10. In accordance with decision XXIII/11, the Secretariat has reviewed available historical documents and parties' submissions, consulted with other relevant organizations and prepared a report on the treatment of ozone-depleting substances used to service ships. Following the presentation and discussion of the report, the Working Group is expected to consider what possible actions, if any, it wishes to recommend to the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties.

6. Report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on additional information on alternatives to ozone-depleting substances (decision XXIII/9)

11. In accordance with decision XXIII/9, the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel has prepared a report providing in-depth, updated information on alternatives to ozone-depleting substances. The Working Group is expected to listen to the Panel's presentation of its report and to consider what possible actions, if any, it wishes to recommend to the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties.

7. Performance and verification criteria related to the destruction of ozone-depleting substances (decision XXIII/12, paragraphs 2 and 3)

12. In 2011, the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel provided the parties with detailed information and proposals related to performance and verification criteria for the destruction of ozone-depleting substances. The Panel reported that it was not able to complete any detailed new work on the areas requested by the Meeting of the Parties in decision XXIII/12 and, accordingly, it has recommended that it report to the parties on some of the issues in 2013 and on others when new and relevant information becomes available. On that basis, the Working Group may wish to decide what actions, if any, it wishes to recommend to the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties on these issues.

8. Evaluation of the financial mechanism of the Montreal Protocol (decision XXII/2)

13. In accordance with decision XXII/2, the steering panel established by the parties to oversee the evaluation of the financial mechanism hired ICF International, which, in March 2011, initiated the evaluation of the financial mechanism of the Montreal Protocol. The draft evaluation is now complete, and the Working Group is expected to hear a presentation by the evaluator and to discuss what actions, if any, it wishes to recommend to the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties.

9. Nomination and operational processes of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and its subsidiary bodies and any other administrative issues (decision XXIII/10)

14. In accordance with decision XXIII/10, the Working Group is expected to consider a number of proposals by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, including draft guidelines on recusal, draft guidelines on the appointment of co-chairs of the Panel, a draft nomination form for standardizing nominations to the Panel and its subsidiary bodies, a proposed revision to the number of members of each of the Panel's subsidiary bodies and a revised version of the Panel's terms of reference. The Working Group may wish to discuss related items and consider what actions, if any, it wishes to recommend to the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties.

10. Proposed adjustments to the Montreal Protocol

15. The Working Group is expected to consider any proposals for adjustments to the Montreal Protocol submitted pursuant to paragraph 9 of Article 2 of the Protocol.

11. Proposed amendments to the Montreal Protocol

16. The Working Group is expected to consider any proposals for amendments to the Protocol submitted pursuant to Article 9 of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and Article 2, paragraph 10, of the Montreal Protocol. As at 11 May 2012, the Secretariat had received two proposals for amendments, one from Canada, Mexico and the United States of America (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/32/6, annex) and one from the Federated States of Micronesia (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/32/5, annex). The Working Group is expected to discuss these proposals and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties.

12. Other matters

17. The Working Group may wish to discuss other matters that are raised by parties at the time the agenda is adopted.

13. Adoption of the report

18. The draft report of the thirty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group will be presented for adoption.

14. Closure of the meeting

19. The thirty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group is scheduled to close on Friday, 27 July 2012.
