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Deplete the Ozone Layer  
Forty-second meeting  
Montreal, Canada, 13–17 July 2020\***

## Annotations to the provisional agenda

### Note by the Secretariat

1. The annotations to the provisional agenda of the forty-second meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/1), presented in the annex to the present note, provide a reference guide to the documents that have been prepared to facilitate consideration by the parties of the items on the provisional agenda.<sup>1</sup>
2. Owing to the continuing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the forty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group will not be convened as planned in Montreal from 13 to 17 July 2020. However, all the documents pertaining to the meeting were prepared and posted on the meeting portal as if the meeting were taking place as scheduled.
3. Instead of the full meeting, the Secretariat will organize online work on agenda item 3, on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2021–2023, and agenda item 7 (a), on nominations for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2021 and 2022. Those two items, together with the budgets of the trust funds for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and for the Montreal Protocol, are the agenda items on which parties were expected to adopt a decision in 2020.
4. The online work includes:
  - (a) An online forum for the submission of comments on the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel reports on (i) the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021–2023 (hereinafter the replenishment report), and (ii) nominations for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide;
  - (b) An online meeting on replenishment, consisting of three substantially identical sessions to be held on 14, 15 and 16 July 2020, respectively.

A detailed description of the way in which specific online work will be organized is provided under the relevant agenda items in the annex to the present note.

\* Some agenda items will be discussed online and others will be deferred to a later date.

<sup>1</sup> All documents are available under the pre-session tab of the conference portal for the forty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group: <http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/oewg/oewg-42/presession/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

5. All the remaining items on the agenda for the forty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group will be discussed in subsequent meetings of the ozone treaty bodies in 2020 and 2021 as per the options outlined in the contingency plan, communicated by the Ozone Secretariat in a letter to all parties dated 29 May 2020. The same information is also available on the meeting portal of the forty-second meeting. The Secretariat will continue to consult, assess the situation of the pandemic and inform the parties by the end of September 2020, at the latest, of the decision reached with regard to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

## Annex

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title of the agenda item and brief description</i>	<i>Related documents for reference</i>
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Opening of the meeting</b>	
	<p>Due to the ongoing pandemic, the face-to-face forty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG42) has been postponed.</p> <p>Online work will be arranged for agenda items 3 and 7 (a) as described in relevant sections of this table.</p> <p>The online sessions on replenishment will be opened and chaired by the Co-Chairs of OEWG42.</p> <p>Other items on the agenda of OEWG42 will be discussed in subsequent meetings to be scheduled either later in 2020 or in 2021.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OEWG42 meeting portal: <a href="http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/oweg/oweg-42/SitePages/Home.aspx">http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/oweg/oweg-42/SitePages/Home.aspx</a></li> <li>• Letter to all parties, dated 29 May 2020, on contingency plan for the meetings of the ozone treaty bodies in 2020 and 2021</li> </ul>
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Organizational matters</b>	
(a)	<p><i>Adoption of the agenda</i></p> <p>The provisional agenda was prepared for a full face-to-face OEWG42. Parties would normally consider the provisional agenda, adding any items that they may deem it necessary to discuss, and adopt the agenda, consistent with the rules of procedure.</p> <p>The agenda of the three online sessions of the technical meeting on replenishment will consist of a presentation of the replenishment report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) task force followed by a question-and-answer session.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/1)</li> <li>• Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2, paras. 13 and 30)</li> <li>• Rules of procedure (<a href="https://ozone.unep.org/treaties/meetings/decisions/annex-i-rules-procedure-meetings-parties-montreal-protocol">https://ozone.unep.org/treaties/meetings/decisions/annex-i-rules-procedure-meetings-parties-montreal-protocol</a>)</li> </ul>
(b)	<p><i>Organization of work</i></p> <p>For items 3 and 7 (a), the online work has been organized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A dedicated online forum for the submission of comments and questions on the TEAP report on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021-2023</li> <li>- A dedicated online forum for the submission of comments and questions on the TEAP report on nominations for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide</li> <li>- An online meeting on the replenishment report (three substantially identical technical sessions to accommodate the different time zones of parties)</li> </ul> <p>Parties can participate in any or all of the above-mentioned sessions. Observers have been invited and may choose to join any or all of the three sessions.</p> <p>Each online session will include a presentation followed by a question-and-answer segment. Each session will last for three hours and interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations.</p> <p>The sessions will be recorded and the report of the meeting will be circulated after the meeting. The recordings of the sessions can be shared upon request.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional agenda (UNEP/ OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/1)</li> </ul>

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title of the agenda item and brief description</i>	<i>Related documents for reference</i>
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2021-2023</b>	
	<p>By decision XXXI/1, the parties requested TEAP to prepare a report for submission to the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties, and to submit it through OEWG42, to enable the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to adopt a decision on the appropriate level of the 2021-2023 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund.</p> <p>The report was prepared by the TEAP task force on replenishment and posted on the meeting portal.</p> <p>It will be considered by parties by means of the following process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A dedicated online forum (<a href="#">for access click here</a>) for review of the report by parties and the submission of comments thereon. The Ozone Secretariat will collect initial comments and questions received by 6 July 2020 and share them with the TEAP task force. Comments posted in the online forum will be visible to all the parties.</li> <li>2. Three substantially identical online technical sessions, during which the TEAP task force will present its report and address initial questions and comments from the forum and participants in the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first online session will begin at 6 p.m. (Nairobi time) on Tuesday, 14 July 2020, which should be most convenient for countries in zone 1 (UTC -3).</li> <li>• The second online session will begin at 12 noon (Nairobi time) on Wednesday, 15 July, which should be most convenient for countries in zone 2 (UTC from +3 and +6).</li> <li>• The third online session will begin at 8 a.m. (Nairobi time) on Thursday, 16 July, which should be most convenient for countries in zone 3 (UTC from +6 to +9).</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. After the online sessions, the Co-Chairs of OEWG42 will give the parties two weeks to submit any additional comments and requests for clarification and/or any suggestions for additional information to be included in the report.</li> <li>4. The Co-Chairs will consolidate the comments, questions and suggestions into a document and will share it with the parties. The parties will have a further week to comment on the consolidated document.</li> <li>5. The TEAP task force will respond in the form of a note to any outstanding questions that have been raised. TEAP will not provide a supplementary report in response to requests raised by the parties. The consolidated document will serve as the basis for discussion once the parties are able to meet in person. At that point, the parties will agree on any supplementary scenarios or information they may need from TEAP.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the parties to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2, paras. 4–6)</li> <li>• Addendum 1 to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2/Add.1, paras. 4–11 and annex I)</li> <li>• Addendum 2 to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting: replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for 2021-2023 (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2/Add.2)</li> <li>• Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2020, volume 3: assessment of the funding requirement for the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021-2023</li> <li>• Executive summary of the replenishment report in the six official languages of the United Nations, which is available on the online forum website</li> </ul>

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<b>Item 4</b>	<b><i>Unexpected emissions of trichlorofluoromethane (CFC-11)</i></b>	
	<p>Decision XXXI/3 concerns unexpected emissions of CFC-11 and institutional processes to be enhanced to strengthen the effective implementation and enforcement of the Montreal Protocol. Under this agenda item, parties will be able to raise any relevant issues keeping in mind that the reports to be prepared by the Scientific Assessment Panel (SAP) and TEAP will be available for consideration by the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties.</p> <p>The consideration of this agenda item will be deferred to a later date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2, paras. 7–13)</li> </ul>
<b>Item 5</b>	<b><i>Identification of gaps in the global coverage of atmospheric monitoring of controlled substances and options for enhancing such monitoring (decision XXXI/3, para. 8)</i></b>	
	<p>In paragraph 8 of decision XXXI/3, parties requested SAP to work with the Ozone Research Managers at their meeting in 2020 to identify gaps in the global coverage of atmospheric monitoring of controlled substances and to provide options on ways to enhance such monitoring. SAP prepared a paper, which was to have served as the basis for discussion at the eleventh meeting of the Ozone Research Managers, which has also been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is currently scheduled to be held in Geneva from 14 to 16 April 2021.</p> <p>Given the parties' interest in the issue, arrangements have been made for two identical intersessional online meetings to be held on 7 and 8 October 2020, respectively. The SAP paper will be presented at those meetings, thereby allowing for discussion among the ozone research managers. On the basis of the results of the discussion, the paper will be revised and subsequently shared with the parties.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2, paras. 14–16)</li> <li>Addendum 1 to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2/Add.1, paras. 12–15)</li> <li>Identification of gaps in the global coverage of atmospheric monitoring of controlled substances and options to enhance such monitoring (UNEP/OzLPro.WG.1/42/4 - to be issued after the online meeting of the Ozone Research Managers, in October 2020, at which the Ozone Research Managers will discuss the note by the secretariat on the matter (UNEP/OzL/Conv.ResMgr/11/4/Rev.1)</li> </ul>
<b>Item 6</b>	<b><i>Institutional processes to strengthen the effective implementation and enforcement of the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 170)</i></b>	
	<p>The sixty-third meeting of the Implementation Committee considered possible ways of dealing with illegal production of and illegal trade in controlled substances, compiled in the report by the Secretariat, and requested the Thirty-First Meeting of Parties to consider it through OEWG42.</p> <p>Under this agenda item, parties are expected to consider that report and an overview prepared by the Secretariat about the institutional processes for the effective implementation of the Montreal Protocol.</p> <p>The consideration of this agenda item will be deferred to a later date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2, paras. 17–20)</li> <li>Report of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol on the work of its sixty-third meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ImpCom/63/6, paras. 44–49 and annexes II and III)</li> <li>Report by the Secretariat entitled “Overview of documents about the institutional processes for the effective implementation of the Montreal Protocol” (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/3)</li> </ul>

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<b>Item 7</b>	<b>Technology and Economic Assessment Panel 2020 report</b>	
(a)	<p><i>Nominations for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2021 and 2022</i></p> <p>Two parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 (Argentina and South Africa) and two parties not so operating (Australia and Canada) submitted their nominations for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2021 and 2022.</p> <p>The interim report by the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee (MBTOC) on the evaluation of those nominations and interim recommendations has been posted on the meeting portal.</p> <p>An online forum (<a href="#">for access click here</a>) has been established to enable the parties to review and submit comments on the report by 6 July 2020.</p> <p>MBTOC will be requested to provide written responses to each comment and question through the Secretariat. All the comments and responses will be posted online and accessible by the parties.</p> <p>On the basis of feedback from the parties and ensuing bilateral consultations with nominating parties, as appropriate, MBTOC will prepare its final evaluation by the end of September 2020.</p> <p>Information on further work will be communicated to all the parties in September.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2, paras. 24 and 25)</li> <li>• Addendum 1 to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2/Add.1, paras. 18–25)</li> <li>• Interim report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2020, volume 2: evaluation of 2020 critical-use nominations for methyl bromide and related issues</li> </ul>
(b)	<p><i>Future availability of halons and their alternatives (decision XXX/7)</i></p> <p>In decision XXX/7, the parties requested TEAP, through its Halons Technical Options Committee (HTOC), to submit a report on halon availability to support civil aviation and to identify relevant alternatives, including in collaboration with International Maritime Organization and International Civil Aviation Organization.</p> <p>Under this agenda item, the parties are expected to consider the report of HTOC on the issue, as contained in the TEAP progress report.</p> <p>The consideration of this agenda item will be deferred to a later date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2, paras. 26–28)</li> <li>• Addendum 1 to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2/Add.1, paras. 26–35, and annex II– “Halon Technical Options Committee”)</li> <li>• Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2020, volume 1: progress report (sections 3 and 7)</li> </ul>
(c)	<p><i>Any other issues</i></p> <p>TEAP reports contain information and key messages on various other issues, such as organizational and administrative matters related to the Panel and its technical options committees, taking into consideration decision XXXI/8 entitled “Terms of reference of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and its technical options committees and temporary subsidiary bodies – procedures relevant to nominations”.</p> <p>Under this agenda item, parties are expected to consider any issues arising from the reports that will have been raised at the time of the adoption of the agenda.</p> <p>The consideration of this agenda item will be deferred to a later date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2, paras. 29 and 30)</li> <li>• Addendum 1 to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2/Add.1, paras. 36–48, annexes III and IV)</li> <li>• Interim report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2020, volume 2: evaluation of 2020 critical-use nominations for methyl bromide and related issues (section 7)</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2020, volume 1 (section 8 and annexes 1–3)</li> </ul>
<b>Item 8</b>	<b><i>Stocks of methyl bromide (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 100)</i></b>	
	<p>The Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties discussed the issue of the storage and use of methyl bromide and considered a draft decision requesting parties to report, on a voluntary basis, on stocks of methyl bromide to facilitate the work of TEAP. Under this agenda item, the parties are expected to continue that discussion. The consideration of this agenda item will be deferred to a later date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2, paras. 31 and 32)</li> <li>Progress report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel May 2020, volume 1 (section 4.6.5)</li> <li>Interim report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel May 2020, volume 2: evaluation of 2020 critical-use nominations for methyl bromide and related issues (section 3.8)</li> </ul>
<b>Item 9</b>	<b><i>Ongoing emissions of carbon tetrachloride (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 81)</i></b>	
	<p>The Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties discussed a draft decision on actions to address the emissions of carbon tetrachloride and its linkages with CFC-11 emissions. Under this agenda item, the parties are expected to continue that discussion. The consideration of this agenda item will be deferred to a later date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2, paras. 33–35)</li> <li>Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, September 2019, volume 1: decision XXX/3 TEAP task force report on unexpected emissions of trichlorofluoromethane (CFC-11)</li> <li>Scientific Assessment of Ozone Depletion 2018: Executive Summary</li> </ul>
<b>Item 10</b>	<b><i>Membership of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.31/9, para. 147)</i></b>	
	<p>The Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties discussed a proposal to include Eastern Europe and Central Asia as a permanent member from among parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 in the membership of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund. Under this agenda item, the parties are expected to continue that discussion. The consideration of this agenda item will be deferred to a later date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its forty-second meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2, paras. 36–40)</li> </ul>
<b>Item 11</b>	<b><i>Other matters</i></b>	
	<p>Participants are expected to consider any other issues that will have been raised at the time of the adoption of the agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/1)</li> </ul>