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Forty-second meeting
Montreal, Canada, 13–17 July 2020*
Items 3 and 7 of the provisional agenda**

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

Addendum

Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2021–2023

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In late May 2020, the Ozone Secretariat decided, in consultation with the bureaux of the eleventh meeting of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the co-chairs of the forty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, and after consultations with many parties, that the forty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group would not be convened as planned in Montreal, Canada, from 13 to 17 July 2020, owing to the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.
2. Subsequently, two items on the provisional agenda were selected for online work, namely, the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2021–2023 (agenda item 3) and nominations for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2021 and 2022 (agenda item 7 (a)), to ensure that progress would be made on those issues before the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties. Consideration of the remaining agenda items was deferred to a later date.
3. 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, paras. 4–6) and the first addendum thereto (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2/Add.1, paras. 4–11 and annex I) set out information on the background to and substantive aspects of the replenishment issue.

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

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4. The present addendum sets out information on the organization of work on agenda item 3, including the online work comprising the online forum and the online meeting on the replenishment report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the process to be followed until the parties can adopt a decision on the issue of replenishment.

II. Organization of work for the online meeting

5. The online meeting comprises three substantially identical technical sessions on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund, in particular the report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, May 2020, volume 3, entitled “Assessment of the funding requirement for the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021–2023”, which was posted on the meeting portal and on the online forum (see section III, below) at the beginning of June 2020. The executive summary of the report is available in the six official languages of the United Nations in the first addendum to the note by the Secretariat (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/42/2/Add.1, annex I) and on the online forum.

6. The three technical sessions are being held on consecutive days to accommodate the different world time zones.¹ The first session will begin at 6 p.m. (Nairobi time) on Tuesday, 14 July 2020, for the convenience of parties in zone 1; the second session will begin at 12 noon (Nairobi time) on Wednesday, 15 July, for the convenience of parties in zone 2; the third session will begin at 8 a.m. (Nairobi time) on Thursday, 16 July, for the convenience of parties in zone 3. Parties may, however, choose to attend any or all of the sessions. Observers are invited to join any one of the three sessions. An invitation letter with all the technical and registration details for the meeting was sent by the Secretariat to all parties on 8 June 2020 and a reminder for registration was sent on 22 June 2020.

7. The online sessions will be held via the platform Interprefy. Login details have been sent to all registered participants by email with instructions for accessing the platform. A test run of the platform for participants will be held on 29 and 30 June and 1 July. All the information required for access to the online meeting can be found at <http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/oewg/oewg-42/online-information/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

8. The three sessions will be chaired by the co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group. Each session will be recorded both in English and in the language of the floor (the original languages in which interventions are made) and the recordings will be made available to participants. A report of the online meeting will be prepared and made available, including a summary of the discussions at the three sessions.

9. The provisional agenda for the online meeting, applicable to each of the three sessions, is set out below. The provisional agenda will be presented by the co-chairs for consideration and possible adoption at the start of each session.

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work.
3. Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2021–2023:
 - (a) Presentation of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel task force report on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund;
 - (b) Question and answer session.
4. Closure of the meeting.

10. During the online technical sessions, participants may ask questions and make comments. In that regard, participants requesting the floor should either use the virtual “raise hand” function of the online platform or indicate their questions and comments, in English, in the online chat. Participants are encouraged to take the floor rather than resorting to the chat room in order to enable interpretation of their statements and a summary thereof to be included in the meeting report. Any questions that

¹ http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/oewg/oewg-42/SiteAssets/OEWG42-zonal-division-table_english.pdf.

remain unanswered during the sessions will be included in the consolidation of questions, suggestions and comments to be prepared by the co-chairs (see paragraph 13 below).

III. Online forum and technical meeting

11. A dedicated online forum² has been established to enable parties to submit comments and questions about the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel report on replenishment. The online forum was opened on 8 June 2020, well in advance of the online meeting. The login details for the online forum are made available to registered participants via email upon registration. As is mentioned above, the Panel's report on replenishment and its executive summary are available on the online forum.

12. Parties are invited to review the Panel's report and submit initial comments and questions through the online forum by 6 July. All the comments and questions will be shared with the Panel's task force on replenishment so that they can be addressed by the task force during the online meeting.

13. After the online meeting, the co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group will give the parties two weeks to submit further comments, requests for clarification and/or suggestions for additional information to be provided by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel. The co-chairs will consolidate the comments, questions and suggestions, and will make the consolidated document available to the parties. The parties will then be given a week to comment on the consolidated document.

14. The Technology and Economic Assessment Panel will, if it is deemed necessary, provide additional information and clarification in the form of a note. The Panel will not provide a supplementary report based on issues raised by the parties. The consolidated document will serve as the basis for further discussion once the parties are able to meet physically, at which point they will agree on any supplementary scenarios or information they may need from the Panel.

15. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take into account the information set out in the present note in preparation for the discussion on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2021–2023.

² <https://online.ozone.unep.org/login>.