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Bangkok, 22 and 24 May and 12–16 July 2021*

Item 3 of the provisional agenda**

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

**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-third meeting**

Addendum

**Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund: guidance to the task
force of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on
further work on its replenishment report**

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. Owing to the continuing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and related travel restrictions, the forty-third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol cannot be held in person in Bangkok as planned. Instead, a number of issues have been selected from the provisional agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/43/1) for online work. Those issues are: (a) replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021–2023 (agenda item 3); (b) unexpected emissions of trichlorofluoromethane (CFC-11) (agenda item 4); (c) nominations for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2022 and 2023 (agenda item 7 (a)); and (d) energy-efficient and low-global-warming-potential technologies (agenda item 12).

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

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*** Item 3 will be addressed during the online session to be held on 22 and 24 May 2021.

2. The online work will be facilitated by an online forum,¹ established on the website of the Ozone Secretariat for parties to review and post comments on specific documents, and a number of online sessions.²
3. The session on the replenishment report will consider guidance to the task force of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (replenishment task force) on further work on volume 3 of the report by the Panel, issued in May 2020, containing an assessment of the funding requirement for the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021–2023³ (the replenishment report) and the related corrigendum.⁴ It will focus specifically on whether a supplementary report or an update to the report is to be requested from the Panel to facilitate the negotiations on the replenishment that are expected to take place at the combined twelfth meeting (part II) of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in October 2021.
4. Section II of the present note by the Secretariat contains information on the organization of the work on the online session on the replenishment report, and section III contains background information and possible options for further work by the task force on the replenishment report.

II. Organization of the work on the online session on the replenishment report

5. The Secretariat has set up a dedicated tab on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund in the online forum referred to paragraph 2 of the present document.⁵ The purpose of the forum is to help parties with the preparations for the online session on the replenishment report organized as part of the forty-third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group. Possible options for further work by the replenishment task force, as set out in section III.B of the present note, will be available in the forum. Parties may wish to post comments and exchange views on those options.
6. The forum will be open for the posting of comments from 12 April to 10 May 2021. Thereafter, parties may also wish to conduct informal and bilateral consultations, as necessary, in preparation for the online session.
7. The online session on the replenishment report will be held on 22 and 24 May 2021, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. (Nairobi time (UTC + 3)) each day. Information related to the session and the meeting documents will be posted on the portal of the forty-third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group⁶ as they become available.
8. The session will be held using the Interprefy platform, with simultaneous interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations. Login details will be emailed to all registered participants along with instructions on how to access the platform. Test sessions will be held for participants on 19 and 20 May 2021.⁷

¹ The online forum will contain separate tabs on (a) replenishment of the Multilateral Fund (from 12 April to 10 May 2021); (b) unexpected emissions of CFC-11 (from 31 May to 21 June 2021); (c) critical-use nominations for methyl bromide (from 31 May to 21 June 2021); and (d) energy-efficient and low-global-warming-potential technologies (from 31 May to 21 June 2021).

² The sessions will pertain to (a) guidance to the task force of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on further work on its assessment of the funding requirement for the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021–2023 (replenishment report) (22 and 24 May 2021); (b) unexpected emissions of CFC-11 (14 and 15 July 2021); and (c) energy-efficient and low-global-warming-potential technologies (16 and 17 July 2021).

³ Available at www.ozone.unep.org/system/files/documents/TEAP_decision_XXXI-1_replenishment-task-force-report_may2020.pdf.

⁴ Available at www.ozone.unep.org/system/files/documents/TEAP_decision_XXXI-1_replenishment-task-force-report_may2020-corrigendum.pdf.

⁵ Available at www.online.ozone.unep.org/login.

⁶ Available at www.ozone.unep.org/meetings/43rd-meeting-open-ended-working-group-parties-montreal-protocol.

⁷ The specific times will be announced in the “meeting information” section of the portal of the forty-third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.

9. The provisional agenda of the online session on the replenishment report is set out below. It will be presented by the co-chairs for consideration and adoption by parties at the start of the session.

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work.
3. Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund: guidance to the task force of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on further work on the replenishment report.
4. Adoption of the report.
5. Closure of the session.

10. During the session, participants should either use the virtual “raise hand” function of the Interprefy meeting platform to request the floor or submit their comments, in English, using the online chat function. Participants are encouraged to take the floor rather than resorting to the chat room to enable interpretation of their statements and a summary thereof to be included in the report of the session.

III. Guidance to the replenishment task force of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on further work on the replenishment report

A. Background

11. In any normal year, when a decision on the level of the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund is taken by the parties (a replenishment year), the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel prepares a replenishment report following terms of reference adopted by parties the preceding year. The replenishment report is prepared by a task force established by the Panel and is submitted to the Open-ended Working Group for its consideration. At the meeting of Open-ended Working Group in the replenishment year, the parties usually establish a contact group that develops a list of issues to be considered by the task force in preparing a supplementary report to the replenishment report. The Open-ended Working Group agrees to the list and provides associated guidance to the task force as appropriate. The supplementary report is then prepared in time for consideration by the Meeting of the Parties of the same year.

12. The list of issues agreed by the Open-ended Working Group to be considered by the task force may include, but will not be limited to:

- (a) Additional scenarios – for example, scenarios for activities under hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) phase-out management plans in accordance with specific commitments, and scenarios excluding certain sectors;
- (b) Disaggregation of enabling activities;
- (c) Updates, such as new information that has become available since the preparation of the replenishment report;
- (d) Corrections and clarifications.

13. In 2020, the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel established a task force that prepared a replenishment report, in accordance with decision XXXI/1, on the appropriate level of funding for the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021–2023 for submission to the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties through the Open-ended Working Group at its the forty-second meeting.

14. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the work on the replenishment by the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-second meeting was organized online, consisting of a forum, through which parties submitted questions and comments on the replenishment report, and a technical meeting comprising three substantially identical sessions held from 14 to 16 July 2020. At that meeting, the replenishment task force presented its report and responded to questions raised by the parties.

15. The co-chairs of forty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group compiled into a document all the comments received from parties through the forum. That document was forwarded to

the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel. The Panel consolidated its responses, additional information and clarifications in a note that was issued in October 2020.

16. The note containing the responses of the Panel and its task force (the task force response document) has been posted in the online forum on the replenishment⁸ to aid parties in consideration of the further work to be requested from the task force. The document is for reference only and not open for comment and questions.

B. Issues for discussion

17. As is mentioned in paragraph 3 of the present note, the objective of the online session on the replenishment report is to discuss the guidance to be given to the replenishment task force on further work on the replenishment report. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to discuss and agree on the elements to be included in a supplementary report (see para. 12 above) or an update to the replenishment report. The supplementary or updated report may be submitted by early September 2021 in order to be considered at the combined twelfth meeting (part II) of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Thirty-Third Meeting of Parties to the Montreal Protocol, to be held in October 2021, at which the parties are expected to agree on the level of the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021–2023.

18. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to consider the following possible options for further work on the replenishment report. The task force may be requested:

(a) **To prepare a supplementary report** based on a list of issues agreed on by the parties. The list of issues could include one or more of the following:

- (i) Elements of additional scenarios and activities, selected from the task force response document;
- (ii) New elements of additional scenarios and activities not contained in the task force response document;
- (iii) Corrections and clarifications identified and addressed in the task force response document;
- (iv) Updates based on decisions, rules and guidelines agreed on by the Executive Committee at its eighty-sixth meeting;⁹

(b) **To prepare a supplementary report** without an agreed list of issues, but on the basis of a request to the replenishment task force to take into account, to the extent possible, the comments provided by the parties as compiled in the task force response document, with a view to refining the estimated funding range for the triennium 2021–2023;

(c) **To prepare an updated report** that would take into account the corrections and clarifications identified and addressed in the task force response document and/or take into account the decisions, rules and guidelines agreed by the Executive Committee at its eighty-sixth meeting;

(d) **Not to prepare an additional report**, if parties determine that there is already sufficient information available in the replenishment report.

19. The possible options presented above are meant as a guide to facilitate the discussions at the online session on the replenishment report. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to consider them and formulate clear guidance to the replenishment task force of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on further work pertaining to the replenishment report.

⁸ Available at https://ozone.unep.org/system/files/documents/TEAP_Replenishment_Task_Force_Response_to_comments_FIN_AL_2020-10-11.pdf

⁹ Pursuant to decision XXXI/1, the Panel is to take into account the decisions, rules and guidelines agreed on by the Executive Committee at all its meetings, up to and including its eighty-fifth meeting, in determining eligibility for the funding of investment projects and non-investment projects.