

**Montreal Protocol  
on Substances that  
Deplete the Ozone Layer**

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**Open-ended Working Group of the Parties  
to the Montreal Protocol on Substances  
that Deplete the Ozone Layer  
Forty-sixth meeting**

Montreal, Canada, 8–12 July 2024

Items 6 bis and 10 bis of the provisional agenda\*

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(UNEP/OzL.Pro.35/12, para. 251)**

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seriously affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)  
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Protocol at its forty-sixth meeting**

**Note by the Secretariat**

**Addendum**

**I. Introduction**

1. The present addendum 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 on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer at its forty-sixth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/46/2) contains information that has become available since the preparation of the first addendum to that note (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/46/2/Add.1). That addendum provided updates by the Secretariat in relation to items 3–8 of the provisional agenda.

2. Section II of the addendum contains a brief introduction to climate-friendly alternatives for metered-dose inhalers in relation to item 6 bis of the provisional agenda and proposals submitted by Cuba in relation to items 10 bis of the provisional agenda.

**II. Summary of issues for discussion by the Open-ended Working  
Group at its forty-sixth meeting**

3. The issues covered in the addendum are set out below in the order of the respective items on the provisional agenda of the meeting.

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\* UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/46/1/Rev.1.

## **Agenda item 6 bis**

### **Climate-friendly alternatives for metered-dose inhalers (UNEP/OzL.Pro.35/12, para. 251)**

4. During discussions after the presentation by the assessment panels on their synthesis report on the 2022 quadrennial assessment at the high-level segment of the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties, one representative requested that the issue of the use of alternative substances in metered-dose inhalers be added to the agenda of the forty-sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.
5. As is indicated in paragraph 102 of document UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/46/2/Add.1, chapter 5.9 of the progress report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel provides an update on metered-dose inhalers and other aerosols. The key messages of the Medical and Chemicals Technical Options Committee are reproduced in annex I to that document.
6. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to discuss the matter of climate-friendly alternatives for metered-dose inhalers and recommend a way forward.

## **Agenda item 10 bis**

### **Proposal by Cuba on additional funding to support countries seriously affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and listed in decision XXXV/16**

7. The Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties adopted decision XXXV/16 on addressing the impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) baseline consumption for certain parties. In paragraph 2 of the decision, parties listed in the annex to the decision that had not already submitted their respective Kigali HFC implementation plans for consideration by the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol were urged to do so expeditiously. Listed in the annex to the decision are Botswana, Cuba, Mauritius, Mongolia, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Lucia and Turkmenistan.
8. On 2 April 2024, the Secretariat received a letter dated 25 March 2024 from the Minister of Science, Technology and the Environment of Cuba, together with a draft decision entitled “Proposal by Cuba to the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the provision of additional funds to support the countries seriously affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and listed in decision XXXV/16 of the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties so that they can comply with commitments under the Montreal Protocol by the agreed dates”. The letter and the draft decision are set out in the annex to the present addendum.
9. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to consider the proposal by Cuba and recommend a way forward.

**Annex****Letter from the Minister of Science, Technology and Environment of Cuba**

*Ministry of Science Technology and Environment  
The Minister*

*Havana, Cuba, March 25th, 2024*

*Megumi Seki  
Executive Secretary  
Montreal Protocol*

*Subject: Proposal for the granting of additional funds.*

*Dear Mrs. Megumi Seki,*

*It is my pleasure to convey this letter which its final goal is to make a request of additional funds with the objective of supporting countries seriously affected by Covid 19 and included in Decision XXXV/16 of MOP 35, held in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya in October 2023, to comply the commitments with the Montreal Protocol, which:*

- Recognizes the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the baseline level of hydrofluorocarbon consumption for Parties recognized as highly affected by the decision taken,*
- As well as, recognizes that the Parties listed in the annex to that decision have experienced demonstrated reductions in their respective levels of hydrofluorocarbon consumption during the years 2020-2022, compared to years before the Pandemic. To do everything possible to comply with those control measures.*

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*Ministry of Science Technology and Environment  
The Minister*

*In this circumstance, it is crucial to be able to count on extra financing to be able to face possible increases in our imports of refrigerant gases.*

*I am sending the proposal of decision to be consider in the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) to be held on July in Montreal.*

*Please, receive the assurance of my highest considerations and respect.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'E. Martínez Díaz', written over a light blue circular stamp.



*Dr. Eduardo Martínez Díaz  
Minister*

[Original: Spanish]

**Proposal by Cuba to the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the provision of additional funds to support the countries seriously affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and listed in decision XXXV/16 of the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties so that they can comply with commitments under the Montreal Protocol by the agreed dates**

*Noting* that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic during the period 2020–2022 had a considerable impact on the economies of developing countries operating under Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol (Article 5 countries), especially low-consumption countries, significantly affecting their gross domestic product and decreasing their capacity to consume and procure hydrofluorocarbon refrigerant gases, and that this was accompanied by rampant inflation and uncontrolled increases in prices and freight and insurance costs,

*Noting also* that the consumption of hydrofluorocarbons in Article 5 countries was artificially reduced by the COVID-19 pandemic and the global economic crisis during the period 2020–2022, owing to the above-mentioned causes, and that an economic recovery in Article 5 countries, including substantial increases in hydrofluorocarbon consumption, is expected to occur starting in 2024, which makes it unfeasible to calculate the consumption baseline using data from the period 2020–2022 as specified in paragraph 8 qua (c) of Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol,

*Noting further* that a consumption baseline calculation using data from the period 2020–2022 could lead to unintentional non-compliance with the Protocol by Article 5 countries, especially low-consumption countries that have been considerably affected,

*Noting* that any increase in imports of these refrigerant gases beyond the adopted 2020–2022 baseline, well below import standards, will force these parties to reduce quantities significantly beyond the 10 per cent figure adopted in Kigali, and

*Considering* that decision XXXV/16 of the Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Parties, held in Nairobi in October 2023, recognizes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the baseline level of consumption of hydrofluorocarbons for parties recognized as highly affected by the above-mentioned decision, and recognizes that the parties listed in the annex to that decision experienced demonstrated reductions in their respective levels of consumption of hydrofluorocarbons during the years 2020–2022 in comparison with years preceding the pandemic, as well as in their respective calculated baseline levels, and that they have expressed their concern to the Secretariat in writing, on the understanding that they will continue to make every effort to comply with these control measures,

*We propose*

To request the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol to provide sufficient additional funds, on an expedited basis, to enable the countries seriously affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, recognized in decision XXXV/16, to meet their hydrofluorocarbon consumption reduction targets and fulfil their commitments under the Montreal Protocol.

Parties listed in decision XXXV/16:

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|--------------|------------------------|
| 1. Botswana  | 5. Republic of Moldova |
| 2. Cuba      | 6. Rwanda              |
| 3. Mauritius | 7. Saint Lucia         |
| 4. Mongolia  | 8. Turkmenista         |

*Financing proposal:*

Calculating the average consumption of the period 2020–2022 and subtracting it from the consumption level of 2019, the proposal would be as follows:

<i>Consumption in metric tons for the year 2019 – average consumption in metric tons for the period 2020–2022</i>	<i>Financing (in US\$)</i>
0–100 metric tons	40 000
101–200 metric tons	50 000
201–300 metric tons	75 000
301–400 metric tons	100 000
More than 400 metric tons	150 000