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**Open-ended Working Group of the Parties
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Item 9 of the provisional agenda***

Other matters

**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-eighth 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-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/48/2) contains information that has become available since the preparation of the first addendum to that note (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/48/2/Add.1), in particular regarding item 9 of the provisional agenda, on other matters.

II. Other matters (item 9 of the provisional agenda)

2. On 10 July 2026 the Secretariat received a request from Azerbaijan to circulate an informal note relating to consideration of the implementation of paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article 2J of the Montreal Protocol in respect of Azerbaijan. As indicated in the request, the note seeks to facilitate understanding of the issue, which Azerbaijan will request the Open-ended Working Group to consider under “Other matters”. The informal note is set out in the Annex to the present note.

* UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/48/1.

Annex I***Note****On submission by Azerbaijan under agenda Item 9 (Other matters):****“Consideration of the implementation of paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article 2J of the Montreal Protocol in respect of Azerbaijan”**

Azerbaijan ratified the Kigali Amendment on 30 September 2025, which entered into force for Azerbaijan on 22 February 2026.

Article 2J of the Montreal Protocol sets out structured control provisions and stepwise phase-down schedules for hydrofluorocarbons, including differentiated pathways.

Azerbaijan’s entry into force occurred at a stage when the phase-down framework under Article 2J was already operational, following the commencement of initial control steps. This gives rise to certain practical considerations regarding the application of the relevant provisions of Article 2J in this context.

In this regard, a question arises as to how those pathways, including paragraphs 2 and 4, are to be applied in practice in respect of Azerbaijan.

Taking into account the established practice of the Meeting of the Parties, including decision XXVIII/2, which addressed aspects of the operationalization of Article 2J, Azerbaijan invites Parties to consider the application of paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article 2J in its case, and to provide guidance on whether it would be appropriate for the Meeting of the Parties to address this matter.

Issues for consideration:

- The application in practice of the provisions of Article 2J, including paragraphs 2 and 4, in respect of Azerbaijan.

The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the above and consider whether further consideration of this matter by the Meeting of the Parties would be appropriate.

* The annex has not been formally edited.