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Ad hoc meeting**

**Bureau of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
Ad hoc meeting**

Online, 22 June 2021

Report of the ad hoc joint meeting of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Bureau of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

I. Opening of the meeting

1. The ad hoc joint meeting of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Bureau of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol was held online on 22 June 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the updated contingency plan for conducting the twelfth meeting (part II) of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (COP12(II)/MOP33) later this year, taking into consideration the continuing global situation of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention: Mr. Ndiaye Cheikh Sylla (Senegal), Ms. Laksmi Dhewanthi (Indonesia), Ms. María Cristina Solis (Ecuador) and Ms. Ulrika Raab (Sweden). Romania did not attend.
3. The following members of the Bureau of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol also attended: Mr. Paul Krajnik (Austria), Mr. Ezzat Lewis (Egypt), Ms. Tatjana Boljević (Montenegro), Ms. Laura-Juliana Arciniegas (Colombia). Palau did not attend.
4. The full list of participants is set out in annex 1 to the present report.
5. The meeting was opened at 3.00 p.m. (Nairobi time) by the President of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Mr. Ndiaye Cheikh Sylla (Senegal), and the President of the Bureau of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties, Mr. Paul Krajnik (Austria).

II. Adoption of the agenda

6. The provisional agenda for the meeting, set out in document UNEP/OzL.Conv.12/Bur.1/1- UNEP/OzL.Pro.32/Bur.1/1, was adopted as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Discussion on the next contingency update and plans for the twelfth meeting (part II) of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
4. Other matters.
5. Closure of the meeting.

III. Discussion on the next contingency update and plans for the twelfth meeting (part II) of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

7. The Executive Secretary, Ms. Megumi Seki, introduced the updated contingency plan for the twelfth meeting (part II) of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Vienna Convention and the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Montreal Protocol by explaining that in consultation with the co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group and several parties, the Secretariat developed an updated contingency plan for the organization of the two meetings. The updated contingency plan was being shared with the members of the Bureaux for refining certain elements or suggesting any changes before it was shared with all parties by the end of June. The presentation by the Executive Secretary focused primarily on the COP12(II)/MOP33 agenda items and the organization of work, followed by a description of the preparatory work before the meeting and the options to be considered regarding the negotiations on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund.

8. Given the continuing situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic, a face-to-face COP12(II)/MOP33 cannot be held this year. The meeting will therefore be held online during seven days on the dates initially scheduled and booked. The preparatory segment will take place from 23-28 October and the high-level segment will be held on 29 October, only for one day. Due to the limitations of online meetings, the agenda will need to be reduced and prioritized. As for the COP12(I)/MOP32 in 2020, there are six prioritized agenda items, three Vienna Convention related agenda items and two additional items that were considered in online technical meetings of the Open-ended Working Group, for which parties may wish to consider and adopt decisions during the meeting:

- Financial reports and budgets of the trust funds for the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol;
- Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2021-2023;
- Membership of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP);
- Nominations for methyl bromide critical-use exemptions for 2022 and 2023;
- Membership of the Montreal Protocol bodies for 2022, including the Implementation Committee, the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund and the co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group;
- Compliance and data reporting issues that the implementation committee will have considered by that time;
- Unexpected emissions of CFC11;
- Energy-efficient and low-global-warming-potential technologies;
- Identification of gaps in the global coverage of atmospheric monitoring of controlled substances;
- Vienna Convention issues:
 - Report of the eleventh meeting of the Ozone Research Managers (ORM);
 - Status of the General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations;

9. Regarding the issue of the gaps in monitoring of controlled substances, it was explained that in paragraph 8 of decision XXXI/3 on unexpected emissions of CFC-11, adopted in 2019 in Rome, parties had requested the Scientific Assessment Panel (SAP) to work with the Ozone Research Managers (ORM) to address the issue. The SAP with experts in monitoring, developed a white paper which was discussed by the ORM at part I of its eleventh meeting which was dedicated to the issue, held in October 2020. Part II of the eleventh meeting, to be held from 19 to 23 July, will finalize the discussion. The ORM will formulate their recommendations to the parties. The Secretariat informed the COP Bureau that, in the past COPs, the Bureau or any of its members proposed a Conference Room Paper (CRP) on the ORM outcomes and the Vienna Convention Trust Fund for research and systematic observations for consideration by the COP. Such draft decisions may be discussed by the Bureau after the ORM meeting in July, in a meeting of the Bureau to be organized by the Secretariat.

10. The Executive Secretary suggested that the plenary sessions of the online COP12(II)/MOP33 takes place from 2.00 to 4.00 (Nairobi time). Contact group meetings may be organized after the plenary sessions, from 4.15 to a maximum of 5.30, bearing in mind the different time zones. The budget Committee will be able to meet in parallel with any other contact groups.

11. She indicated that the organization of work still needs to be refined, but the plan as initially discussed with the co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group, included: the financial report, the budget, as well as the replenishment items could be considered during the first day to establish the budget committee and the replenishment contact group; the unexpected emissions of CFC-11 and the identification of gaps for monitoring can be considered on the second day and contact group on the latter can be formed if needed; the third day may be dedicated to the critical use nominations, the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) membership and the compliance issues; the fourth day may be focused on the energy efficiency item and membership of Montreal protocol bodies with establishment of contact groups if needed; the Vienna Convention issues can be addressed on the fifth day. The sixth day would be dedicated to remaining contact groups discussions to be prepared for the adoption of decisions during the high-level segment on the seventh day. An agenda item on high-level statements by party representatives was not included due to the limited time.

12. Subsequently, the Executive Secretary emphasised the importance of online preparatory work ahead of the meetings in October, building on a positive experience from the COP12(I)/MOP32 and the recent ExMOP4. Accordingly, the Secretariat will suggest the establishment of an online forum from 13 September until 4 October, and five informal or briefing sessions between 5-22 October. This preparatory work will enable parties to prepare and exchange views on possible draft decisions for adoption during the COP12(II)/MOP33.

13. The online forum will have separated tabs dedicated to six issues and allow parties to provide comments and ask questions on the following items:

- Budget;
- Updated replenishment report from the TEAP replenishment task force;
- Critical-use nominations of controlled substances including the MBTOCS final report;
- Vienna convention issues including the ORM outcome and the trust fund status;
- Energy efficiency, as the Africa group is planning to submit a CRP on this issue;
- Identification of gaps in monitoring of controlled substances, as the European Union is planning to submit a CRPs on that matter.

14. Regarding the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund item, two options had been considered by the Secretariat in consultation with the parties. One option is for the parties to undertake a full negotiation for the replenishment amount for the triennium 2021-2023. Another option is the adoption of an interim decision to cover the year 2022. The consultations with the parties on these two options did not result in a majority of views one way or the other. Many of them were willing to undertake a full negotiation but, bearing in mind the difficulty of the task, did not oppose the option of adopting an interim decision for 2022. On the other hand, some parties were sceptical regarding the full negotiation option, considering the risks of failure that might lead to a negative impact on the negotiations that would need to continue in 2022 in the event of a failure.

15. The Executive Secretary stressed the need to decide between the two options before the updated contingency plan is shared with the parties. If a full negotiation is planned, the high-level segment will be booked and organized in November, at the end of the five additional days which would be needed for a full negotiation. If the negotiations fail and parties decide during the meeting to adopt an interim decision, they would have to wait until November for the high-level segment, which

would break the continuity of the meeting and the additional days booked in November may be wasted.

17. In response to one of a Bureaux member's question, the Executive Secretary indicated that negotiations on replenishment in 2022, which would be the second year for the current triennium, would be feasible. The parties could also adopt a decision in October this year authorizing the Secretariat to organize an ExMOP earlier in 2022 if a face-to-face meeting is conceivable. If face-to-face meetings are still not possible next year, the replenishment negotiations would have to be conducted online in 2022, in order to avoid an overlap with the negotiations on the replenishment for the next triennium, 2024-2026, which is expected to take place in 2023.

18. The Bureaux sought clarification from the Secretariat on the organization of contact groups if replenishment negotiations were undertaken. The Executive Secretary referred to the dynamic nature of the contact group on this issue. The number of representatives in the contact group will evolve and reduce as the negotiations progresses, and organizing several parallel discussions may be a challenge in terms of logistical arrangements. The Secretariat is however ready to organize these contact group meetings if needed, bearing in mind the time limitations and the very different time zones.

19. The Bureaux members acknowledged and appreciated the work carried out by the Secretariat in updating the contingency plan for the COP12(II)/MOP33 and supported the proposals put forward by the Secretariat. The Bureaux agreed with the option of holding the meeting for one week only in October and which may consider an interim decision on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for 2022. The Bureaux members recognized that online full negotiations would be challenging due to time constraints and sensitivities of the replenishment issue.

20. The Bureaux endorsed the Secretariat's contingency plan on the work of the COP12(II)/MOP33 in 2021. It was agreed that the Secretariat will proceed with informing all the parties regarding the updated contingency plan.

IV. Other matters

21. No other matters were discussed.

V. Closure of the meeting

22. The President declared the meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

Annex 1: List of participants

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