**Proposal of the Co-Convenors**

**[Mandate for [further discussion] [a possible contact group] on the feasibility and ways of managing HFCs]**

The Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-fifth meeting held in Bangkok from 22 to 24 April 2015, agreed that “it would continue to work inter-sessionally in an informal manner to study the feasibility and ways of managing HFCs, including, inter alia, the related challenges set out in annex II to the [report of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group], with a view to the establishment of a contact group on the feasibility and ways of managing HFCs at the thirty-sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group” ([paragraph 126], UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/35/6).

The informal meeting was convened on the 12-13 of June in Vienna on the above mentioned basis.

The parties have recognised in their interventions the success of the Montreal Protocol and its institutions in phasing out ODSs.

***[With a view to the establishment of a [contact group], the following] overarching issues [/ principles for which parties should develop a common understanding before entering in negotiations] [if agreed by consensus] [need to be taken into account]: [The overarching issues for which parties have a common understanding]***

[The discussion of [the management of HFCs] [any amendment proposal] should be based on the following principles]:

[Nothing is agreed until everything is agreed……]

[Sequencing of issues …..resolving the short list of challenges and [the feasibility and ways of managing HFCs] [then amendments]…..]

[Parties agree to consider the feasibility and ways of managing HFCs addressing the following challenges in sequence:]

[We agree to convene a contact group to consider ways and feasibility of managing HFCs and [dealing with challenges and once an agreement is reached on these challenges and their resolutions and mechanisms of implementation, alternative options of management will be considered afterwards] [including amendment proposals and other options suggested by the parties]. We agree the sequencing of the contact group discussions would start with the challenges below and then address other relevant issues.]

* Recognition of the special situation of developing countries and the principles under the Montreal Protocol which have enabled sufficient additional time in the implementation of commitments by A5 countries,
* Commitment by non A5 parties to maintain the MLF as the financial mechanism and provide [sufficient] [full] additional funding through MLF to enable A5 compliance with any control measures for HFCs
* Flexibility in implementation that enables countries to set their own strategies and set their own priorities in sectors and technologies,

[Considering the elements in paragraph 1(a) of decision XXVI/9 in considering the feasibility and the ways of managing HFCs]

* Exemption process and a mechanism for periodic review of alternatives including the consideration of availability or lack of availability of alternatives in all sectors in A5 countries and special needs for high ambient countries, based on all the elements listed in paragraph 1(a) of decision XXVI/9,
* [Linkage between the availability of alternatives and HCFC phase out.]
* non-party trade provisions.
* Coordination of the Ozone Secretariat with the UNFCCC Secretariat on legal aspects, synergies and other issues with relation to HFC management under the Montreal Protocol.
* [Consider all challenges identified by parties, feasibility and ways of managing HFCs [taking into account] [including] the amendment proposals that have been submitted and any other options, based on the common understanding of the above overaraching issues].
* [The above overarching issues are to be discussed prior to considering all challenges identified by parties, feasibility and ways of managing HFCs, including amendment proposals that have been submitted and any other options.]

[Consider different options for HFC management including a [possible] phase down of consumption and production of HFCs and related challenges identified by parties][The group shall then discuss whether the conclusions of the deliberations can be operationalized though the amendments.]

***[Having developed this common understanding] [Based on this common understanding], the parties will [discuss] [continue discussing] the following major issues that have been identified as priorities]:***

***[After agreement on these overarching issues, the parties will consider all HFC amendment proposals and all options to manage HFCs].***

***[Based on these overarching principles, the parties will discuss all [HFC amendment proposals] that have been submitted and other options to manage HFCs.]***