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DECISION 8/7B OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP
REGARDING CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL ON
THE WORK OF ITS EIGHTH SESSION

8/7. Earthwatch: assessment of outer limits

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Chlorofluorocarbons

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 84 (V) C of 25 May 1977 on the ozone layer, noting with approval the work of the Co-ordinating Committee on the Ozone Layer, noting also the increasing scientific concern at the harmful effects on the ozone layer of the release of chlorofluorocarbons into the atmosphere, welcoming the steps taken by the scientific community to increase understanding of the processes at work and to pool knowledge internationally, appreciating the steps already taken by several Governments and the European Economic Community to limit the production capacity of chlorofluorocarbons and their uses and recognizing that preventive measures are required on a global scale, and considering that in the present state of scientific knowledge precautionary measures should be taken to limit global production and use, in particular, of the chlorofluorocarbons F-11 and F-12 and that investigations should be pursued into all chlorofluorocarbon emissions;

1. Calls the attention of Governments to the report of the third session of the Co-ordinating Committee on the Ozone Layer; 12/
2. Recommends that Governments, especially those of countries where use of the chlorofluorocarbons F-11 and F-12 is high, should achieve significant reductions in use and encourage the development of ways to control releases into the atmosphere;
3. Urges Governments to continue to encourage further scientific research in this field and to support the development of substitute substances or techniques which are not harmful to the environment;
4. Recommends that production capacity for the chlorofluorocarbons F-11 and F-12 should not be increased;
5. Further recommends that the measures already taken be re-examined in the light of the scientific technical and economic data available;
6. Invites the Executive Director to consider ways of accelerating international co-operation on the subject and to report thereon to the Governing Council.

12th meeting
29 April 1980

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