**Terms of reference for the study on the 2018–2020 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol**

*Recalling* the parties’ decisions on previous terms of reference for studies on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol,

*Recalling also* the parties’ decisions on previous replenishments of the Multilateral Fund,

1. To request the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to prepare a report for submission to the Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Parties, and to submit it through the Open-ended Working Group at its [XXX] meeting, to enable the Twenty- Ninth Meeting of the Parties to take a decision on the appropriate level of the 2018–2020 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund;

2. That, in preparing the report referred to in paragraph 1 of the present decision, the Panel should take into account, among other things:

(a) All control measures and relevant decisions agreed upon by the parties to the Montreal Protocol and the Executive Committee, in particular those pertaining to the special needs of low‑volume- and very-low-volume-consuming countries[, in addition to small and medium-sized enterprises], and the decisions of the Twenty‑Eighth Meeting of the Parties and the Executive Committee at its seventy-seventh and [seventy-eighth] meetings insofar as those decisions will necessitate expenditure by the Multilateral Fund during the period 2018–2020;

(b) The need to allocate resources to enable all parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 to meet and or maintain compliance with Articles 2A–2E, 2G, 2H [and] 2I [and 2J] of the Protocol;

(c) The need to allocate resources to enable all parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 to meetcompliance obligations relevant in the replenishment period 2018 - 2020 in respect of Articles 2F of the Protocol, providing support for transitioning to low or zero GWP alternatives in HCFC phase-out and taking into account decision XIX/6 of the meeting of the Parties and the extended commitment provided by parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 under approved hydrochlorofluorocarbon phase-out management plans;

(d) Rules and guidelines agreed upon by the Executive Committee at all its meetings, up to and including its seventy-eighth meeting, for determining eligibility for the funding of investment projects and non‑investment projects, including, but not limited to, institutional strengthening;

3. That the panel should provide indicative figures of the resources within the estimated funding required for phasing out HCFCs that could be associated with enabling Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 to encourage the use of low or zero GWP alternatives.

[3.bis The Panel should provide indicative figures for additional resources that would be needed to enable parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 to encourage the use of low or zero GWP alternatives while phasing out HCFCs]

[4. Placeholder for HFCs]

5. That, in preparing the said report, the Panel should consult widely all relevant persons and institutions and other relevant sources of information deemed useful;

6. That the Panel should strive to complete the report referred to above in good time to enable it to be distributed to all parties two months before the [XXX] meeting of the Open‑ended Working Group;

7. That the Panel should provide indicative figures for the periods 2021–2023 and 2024‑2026 to support a stable and sufficient level of funding, on the understanding that those figures will be updated in subsequent replenishment studies;