**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 maintain compliance with Articles 2A–2E, 2G, 2H and 2I of the Protocol;[to be further reviewed]

[(c) The need to allocate resources to enable all parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 to meet [2020 and 2025] compliance obligations in respect of Articles 2F of the Protocol, [to be further reviewed] [providing [full] support for low 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) Dividing the funding relating to the 2020 target applicable to hydrochlorofluorocarbon consumption and production in an appropriate manner, including, but not limited to, one scenario that divides the funding relating to the 2020 target applicable to hydrochlorofluorocarbon consumption equally between the [2015–2017 and 2018–2020] replenishments; ]

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

[(f) The need to allocate sufficient resources [to] [commensurate with] the activities in the servicing sector in stage II [and stage III] of hydrochlorofluorocarbon phase-out management plans [and beyond] [up to 2020] through technical assistance such as recovery, training, [measures to manage controlled substances destruction projects, ][equipment support] and other necessary activities;]

3. [to be further reviewed]That, as a separate element to the funding requirement estimated in paragraph 2 of the present decision, the Panel should [provide ][update] indicative figures for additional resources that would be needed to enable parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 to gradually avoid high-global-warming-potential alternatives to ozone-depleting substances, taking into account the availability of safe, environmentally friendly, technically proven and economically viable technologies;

[3bis To provide information on key issues related to funding of an HFC phase-down being considered by the Parties; ]

[Provide information on methodologies and cost calculations associated with expanding the list of eligible costs in the servicing sector when phasing down HFC;]

[Panel should provide indicative figures for additional resources that would be needed to enable parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 to gradually avoid high-global-warming-potential alternatives to ozone-depleting substances;]

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

5. 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;

6. 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;