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Montreal, 4–7 April 2017

SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

Introduction

1. This document presents a report on the activities of the Secretariat since the 77th meeting to address decision 77/59 on matters related to the Kigali Amendment arising from decision XXVIII/2, and potential additional contributions to the Multilateral Fund.

Actions taken following the 77th meeting of the Executive Committee

2. The Chief Officer wrote to Executive Committee members of the 77th meeting regarding agenda item 10 on Issues relevant to the Executive Committee arising from the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol informing them that, through decision 77/59(c), the Executive Committee had invited them to share relevant information with the Secretariat on, but not limited to, the elements listed in decision 77/59(b)(i)-(v)¹, no later than 31 January 2017. The Secretariat subsequently received replies from the Governments of Argentina, Germany, Japan and the United States of America. The Chief Officer acknowledged receipt of the information provided by each government and advised those governments that the information they provided would be reflected in the relevant documents of the 78th meeting.²

¹ Decision 77/59(b) requested the Secretariat to prepare a document containing preliminary information in response to the elements in decision XXVIII/2 of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties that requested the Executive Committee to take action, and addressing the following issues (i) Available information on HFC consumption and production, as well as on HFC-23 by product, including from surveys of ODS alternatives funded by the Multilateral Fund and other sources; (ii) The enabling activities required to assist Article 5 countries in commencing their reporting and regulatory activities in relation to the HFC-control measures; (iii) Key aspects related to HFC-23 by product-control technologies; (iv) Identification of the issues that the Executive Committee might want to consider in relation to existing HCFC phase-out activities; and (v) Information relevant to the development of the cost guidelines requested from the Executive Committee.

² The full text of the relevant information received from Executive Committee members of the 77th meeting in accordance with decision 77/59(c) is contained in Annex II of document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/78/1/Add.1 (Annotated provisional agenda).

Pre-session documents of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol are without prejudice to any decision that the Executive Committee might take following issuance of the document.

3. The Chief Officer wrote to the Government of each of the 16 non-Article 5 Parties that had announced additional contributions to the Multilateral Fund to provide fast-start support for implementation of the Kigali Amendment. As part of the correspondence he provided the text of Report of the 77th meeting³ regarding agenda item 10 and the relevant paragraphs of decision 77/59⁴ regarding the Executive Committee's acceptance, with appreciation, of the additional contributions to provide fast-start support for implementation of the Kigali Amendment. Information regarding the Treasurer's follow-up to decision 77/59(d)(iv) with relevant non-Article 5 countries on procedures for making the additional contributions available to the Multilateral Fund for the purpose of early action in respect of the Kigali Amendment, including options for either a "contribution agreement" or a "letter of intent", is contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/78/3.

Preparation for the 78th meeting of the Executive Committee

4. Logistic arrangements were made for the 78th meeting, to be held in Montreal from 4 to 7 April 2017.⁵ The Secretariat prepared the documents for the 78th meeting⁶ as listed in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/78/Inf.1.

Meetings attended with relevance to matters related to the Kigali Amendment

5. Two senior programme officers attended the 2017 International Air-Conditioning, Heating, Refrigerating Exposition (AHR Expo) from 31 January to 2 February 2017 where they met with representatives of several refrigeration and air-conditioning (RAC) companies and discussed matters regarding the supply and availability of energy efficient and low-GWP alternatives for RAC applications, refrigeration servicing equipment that can be used with multiple refrigerants including flammable refrigerants, compressors for equipment using HCFC free alternatives, equipment for manufacturing low-GWP RAC equipment particularly for small and medium enterprises.

6. The staff members attended a side event organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) and the Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute which provided information and updates on potential technologies available for countries with high ambient temperatures and allowed for discussions on the on-going project being implemented jointly by UNIDO

³ UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/77/76.

⁴ The correspondence from the Chief Officer informed on the following elements of decision 77/50: (a) to hold a four-day special meeting early in 2017 to address matters related to the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol arising from decision XXVIII/2 of the Meeting of the Parties, and potential additional contributions to the Multilateral Fund; and (d) with respect to the intended US \$27 million fast-start contributions in 2017 from some of the non-Article 5 Parties: (i) to accept, with appreciation, the additional contributions announced by a number of non-Article 5 Parties to provide fast-start support for implementation of the Kigali Amendment, noting that such funding was one-time in nature and would not displace donor contributions; (ii) That the additional contributions mentioned in sub-paragraph (d)(i) above should be made available for Article 5 countries that had an HFC consumption baseline year between 2020 and 2022 and that had formally indicated their intent to ratify the Kigali Amendment and take on early HFC phase-down obligations in order to support their enabling activities, such as capacity building and training in handling HFC alternatives, Article 4B licensing, reporting, and project preparation activities, taking into account, but not restricted to, relevant guidelines and decisions of the Executive Committee; (iii) to request the Secretariat to develop a document describing possible procedures for countries identified in sub-paragraph (d)(ii) above in accessing the additional fast-start contributions for enabling activities; (iv) That the Treasurer would communicate with contributing non-Article 5 countries on procedures for making the additional contributions available to the Multilateral Fund for the purpose of early action in respect of the Kigali Amendment.

⁵ Letters of invitation were sent to members of the Executive Committee, the President of the Bureau of the Twenty-eighth MOP, the President and Vice President of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure of the Montreal Protocol, the Executive Director of UNEP, the Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, the implementing agencies, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and non-governmental organizations.

⁶ The provisional agenda was prepared in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee. The status of additional contributions to the Multilateral Fund was prepared jointly with the Treasurer of the Fund.

and UN Environment on promoting low-GWP refrigerants for air-conditioning sectors in high-ambient temperature countries (PRAHA). They also participated in the Sustainable Technologies for Stationary Air-Conditioning Workshop organized by the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC).

Inter-agency coordination meeting

7. The Secretariat arranged an Inter-agency coordination meeting in Montreal from 21 to 23 February 2017.⁷ Participants included Secretariat staff, the representative of the bilateral agencies of Germany, and Japan, representatives of the implementing agencies, and the Treasurer. On the invitation of the Chief Officer, the Ozone Secretariat also participated in order to provide participants with a presentation of the Kigali Amendment and the relevant decisions of the Parties. Following the presentation by the Ozone Secretariat, the Secretariat and bilateral and implementing agencies had an exchange of views regarding implementation of the Kigali Amendment and the key elements of decision XXVIII/2. The Secretariat provided an update on the available information on HFC consumption and production in Article 5 countries based on Article 5 countries that had completed the survey of ODS alternatives. Project submissions, progress reporting, and other matters relating to preparation of the 79th meeting were also briefly discussed.

8. Following the meeting the Ozone Secretariat provided Secretariat staff with a briefing on the current status of the development of a format for Article 7 data reporting with respect to Annex F substances.

Cooperation with Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and other organizations

Kigali Cooling Efficiency Fund

9. The Director and one other representative of the Kigali Cooling Efficiency Fund (K-CEF), which will coordinate the work of 19 philanthropic foundations on matters related to energy-efficiency and cooling with regard to implementation of the Kigali Amendment, visited the Secretariat on 26 January 2017 to learn more about the Multilateral Fund. K-CEF aims to allocate approximately US \$53 million from philanthropic foundations by the end of 2017 for targeted support through country programmes in a small number of countries and more general support to over 100 countries to improve energy efficiency. The Secretariat provided K-CEF with information on the operation of the Multilateral Fund (see Annex to the present document).

⁷ Executive Committee members will find the Report of the Inter-agency coordination meeting (MLF/IACM.2017/1/19) on the in session website of the 78th meeting

Annex

**ADVICE AND/OR INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE
MULTILATERAL FUND TO NON-MONTREAL PROTOCOL BODIES**

Body	Secretariat advice/information	Date provided	Further actions
Kigali Cooling Efficiency Fund	Information provided included the Executive Committee Primer; a presentation that summarizes how the Multilateral Fund operates; Guidelines for submitting progress and financial reporting; Guide for preparation of project proposals; the templates for project completion reports; and document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/74/51 on the Review of institutional strengthening and document the associated decision 74/51.	23 January 2017	Relevant information to be provided as requested