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**FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES ADDRESSED IN DECISION 49/36,  
IN LIGHT OF GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY THE  
EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES**

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1. During the 46th, the 47th and the 48th Meeting of the Executive Committee, discussions concerning a study regarding collection, recovery, recycling, reclamation, transportation and destruction of unwanted ODS were being held. As per decision 47/52 on that matter, the Secretariat organized an expert meeting to assess the extent of current and future requirements for the collection and disposition of non-reusable and unwanted ODS in Article 5 countries.

2. In decision 48/37, the Executive Committee requested the Secretariat to forward the report of this meeting to the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP), as an input for consideration by TEAP when complying with decision XVII/17 of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Parties, which requested TEAP to prepare terms of reference for the conduct of case studies in Article 5 countries on the technology and costs associated with a process for the replacement of CFC-containing refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment.

3. The 26<sup>th</sup> Open Ended Working Group in July 2006 in Montreal discussed a draft, prepared by TEAP, of terms of reference for the conduct of case-studies in Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol, with regional representation, on the technology and costs associated with a process for the replacement of chlorofluorocarbon-containing refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment, including the environmentally sound recovery, transport and final disposal of such equipment and of the associated chlorofluorocarbons.

4. Following the deliberations of a contact group on the topic, one representative, speaking on behalf of the chair of the group, expressed the chair's view that, given that the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund was considering terms of reference for a study on destruction, members of the Open-ended Working Group who were also members of the Executive Committee should make the Executive Committee aware of the work that had been done in the Working Group on the issue.

5. At its 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting, subsequent to the 26<sup>th</sup> Open Ended Working Group, the Executive Committee noted document UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/49/42, which included the proposed terms of reference for a study regarding collection, recovery, recycling, reclamation, transportation and destruction of unwanted ozone-depleting substances. The Executive Committee decided in Decision 49/36 to inform the Parties, through a letter from its Chair to the Ozone Secretariat, that:

- (a) The Executive Committee was discussing the above-mentioned terms of reference and was of the view that there were substantial commonalities between those terms of reference and those being considered by the Parties in relation to decision XVII/17 of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Parties;
- (b) The issues raised by both sets of the above-mentioned terms of reference could be considered by the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund, given that it had already held substantial discussions and initiated some work with respect to studying the issue of collection, recovery, recycling, reclamation, transportation and destruction of unwanted ozone-depleting substances;
- (c) A request could be addressed to the Executive Committee to develop consolidated terms of reference and if agreed by the Executive Committee to initiate a study based on the consolidated terms of reference, and to report to the Nineteenth

Meeting of the Parties on the progress made in that respect.

6. The Executive Committee decided in the same decision to consider the issue at the 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee, in light of any guidance provided by the Eighteenth Meeting of the Parties.