Introduction

1. The Bureau of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Bureau of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer met at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Centre in Doha on Saturday, 15 November 2008.

2. Prior to the opening of the meeting, a representative of the host Government gave a presentation on the paperless approach that had been adopted for the forthcoming meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and the meetings of their subsidiary bodies held over the preceding days. He explained the workings of the system, noting that it would realize environmental benefits and facilitate better document management and exchange.

I. Opening of the meeting

3. Mr. Ndiaye Sylla Cheikh (Senegal), representing the President of the Bureau of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, chaired the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, 15 November, and paid tribute to the Government of Qatar for its excellent preparations for the forthcoming meetings.

4. Mr. Waleed al-Emadi (Qatar), representing the President of the Bureau of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties, expressed his thanks to the Ozone Secretariat for its organization of the current meeting and, speaking on behalf of Mr. Abdulla Mubarak al-Moadhadi, Minister of Environment, Qatar, welcomed the members of the two bureaux.

5. Mr. Marco González, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, welcomed all participants and briefly outlined some of key decisions under the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol in recent years. He paid tribute to the Government of Qatar, highlighting its pivotal role in introducing a
paperless system at the current meetings, which he hoped would prove a success and serve as a model for future gatherings.

6. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention:

President: Mr. Ndiaye Sylla Cheikh, Senegal (representing the President) (African group)
Vice-Presidents: Mr. Budi Bowoleksono, Indonesia (Asian and Pacific group)
Mr. Vladimir Verveda, Turkmenistan (Eastern European group)
Mr. Nelson Espinosa, Cuba (Latin America and Caribbean group)
Rapporteur: Ms. Else Peuranen, Finland (Western European and others group)

7. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol:

President: Mr. Waleed al-Emadi, Qatar (representing the President) (Asian and Pacific group)
Vice-Presidents: Ms. Roby Washbourne, New Zealand (Western European and others group)
Rapporteur: Ms. Jesca Eriyo, Uganda (African group)

8. A full list of participants is contained in the annex to the present report.

II. Adoption of the agenda

9. The provisional agenda of the meeting, contained in document UNEP/OzL.Conv.7/Bur.1/1-UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/Bur.1/1, was adopted as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Work to date on implementation of decisions:
   (a) Of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, held in Dakar from 12 to 16 December 2005;
   (b) Of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Montreal from 17 to 21 September 2007.
4. Overview of the working documents prepared for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and the related preparatory segment.
5. Review of the agenda and presentation of a road map for the operation of the upcoming meetings.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.
III. Work to date on implementation of decisions of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

10. The representative of the Ozone Secretariat introduced the item, presenting document UNEP/OzL.Conv.7/Bur.1/2-UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/Bur.1/2, which contained, in its annexes I and II, tabular summaries of actions taken to implement four decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention at its seventh meeting and 31 decisions adopted by the Nineteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

11. He noted with satisfaction that in the past year 184 Parties to the Protocol had reported data in accordance with their obligations under Article 7. That represented 97 per cent of Parties – a considerable improvement on previous years.

IV. Overview of the working documents prepared for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention, the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and the related preparatory segment

13. The representative of the Secretariat drew the attention of the Bureaux to annex III of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.7/Bur.1/2-UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/Bur.1/2, which contained a list of documents prepared for the forthcoming meetings.

14. The Bureaux took note of the information presented by the representative of the Secretariat.

V. Review of the agenda and presentation of a road map for the operation of the upcoming meetings

15. The representative of the Secretariat provided an outline of the expected programme of work for the eight meeting of the Conference of the Parties and Twentieth Meeting of the Parties, summarizing and supplementing the information in chapter III of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.7/Bur.1/2-UNEP/OzL.Pro.19/Bur.1/2.

16. He drew attention to two draft decisions to be presented by the President of the Bureau of the Vienna Convention under item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda, regarding the status of the General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention. One of the draft decisions dealt with satellite research and monitoring of atmospheric ozone, which was critical to understanding and monitoring changes in atmospheric ozone and surface ultraviolet radiation and their interrelationship with climate change. The second draft decision urged Parties and international organizations to continue making annual voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund.

17. The Bureaux took note of the information presented by the representative of the Secretariat.

VI. Other matters

18. No matters were considered under the item.

VII. Adoption of the report

19. The Chair announced that the report would be drafted by the Secretariat and circulated to the participants in the coming days. After incorporation of their comments, it would be finalized for their approval.

VIII. Closure of the meeting

20. The Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.
Annex

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