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Invitation to the forty-sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 8 to 12 July 2024, Montreal

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite your Government to participate in the forty-sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (OEWG46) to be held from 8 to 12 July 2024.

The meeting will be held in person at the following venue:

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Conference Centre
999 Robert-Bourassa Boulevard
Montréal, Québec H3C 5H7
Canada
Website: www.icao.int

Live streaming of the plenary proceedings will be provided for viewing.

The [provisional agenda](#), in all official languages, for the meeting can be accessed on the [OEWG46](#) meeting portal. An information note for participants, including the list of hotels, is also available on the meeting portal. Information on the Secretariat's Environmental Management System and on provisions to enhance accessibility to the ICAO Conference Centre of persons with limited physical mobility is included in the information note.

Registration for the meeting is now open. Your Government is encouraged to register its representatives using the exclusive link provided in the cover email well in advance of the start of the meeting, especially if the members of your delegation require a visa to travel to Canada. Upon approval of the registration, each registered participant will receive a notification that will include the event code provided by the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). The notification and the IRCC code should be included in any visa application to travel to Canada for OEWG46 to help immigration authorities identify the purpose of the visit and track visa processing.

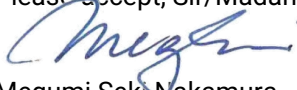
Limited funds are available to assist the participation of parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol (Article 5 parties) and countries with economies in transition. Should your Government require such assistance, please submit an official request that includes details of the representative you are nominating for funding to the Secretariat (mea-ozoneinfo@un.org) by **Friday, 10 May 2024**. The request for funding must be signed by an officer at a higher level than the person being nominated. Travel of only one participant, using the most appropriate and economical fare, including a daily subsistence allowance in accordance with United Nations travel policies and procedures, will be covered for each participant selected for assistance. The selection will take into consideration regional and subregional balance, gender balance (with a view to increasing the participation of female delegates), the timeliness of the submission of the funding request as well as membership in the various Montreal Protocol bodies. Decisions on the provision of financial support will be communicated to participants by **Friday, 24 May 2024**.

The Secretariat will be happy to assist any regional groups or other constituencies wishing to organize online consultations before the meeting. If you require assistance in this regard, please contact Ms. Stephanie Hay Smith (stephanie.haysmith@un.org).

I would like to remind parties wishing to submit proposals for any amendments to the Convention or the Protocol or any adjustments to the Protocol that, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 9 of the Vienna Convention and paragraph 9 (b) of Article 2 of the Montreal Protocol, the text of any such proposals must be communicated to parties by the Secretariat at least six months before the meeting at which it is proposed for adoption. The combined thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and Thirty-Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (COP13/MOP36) is scheduled to be held from 28 October to 1 November 2024. The submission of proposals for amendments or adjustments prior to **Friday, 26 April 2024** would ensure that the six-month legal requirement is met.

On behalf of the Secretariat, I look forward to welcoming you in Montreal and working with you to achieve a successful outcome of our meetings.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Megumi Seki Nakamura
Executive Secretary