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**Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Conference  
of the Parties to the Vienna Convention  
for the Protection of the Ozone Layer  
Second meeting**  
Online, 22 October 2021

**Bureau of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties  
to the Montreal Protocol on Substances  
that Deplete the Ozone Layer  
First meeting**  
Online, 22 October 2021

## **Report of the combined second meeting of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and first meeting of the Bureau of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer**

### **I. Opening of the meeting**

1. The combined second meeting of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and first meeting of the Bureau of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was held online on Friday, 22 October 2021.
2. The present report reflects the deliberations under the items included on the single agenda used for the combined meetings; any references to “the current meeting” should be understood to denote the combined meeting of the two bodies.
3. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention: Ecuador, Romania, Senegal and Sweden. Indonesia did not attend.
4. The following members of the Bureau of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol also attended: Austria, Colombia, Egypt and Montenegro. Palau did not attend.
5. The full list of participants is set out in the annex to the present report.
6. The meeting was opened at 2.15 p.m.<sup>1</sup> by Mr. Cheikh Ndiaye Sylla (Senegal), President of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention.
7. Ms. Megumi Seki, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, delivering opening remarks, said that preparatory work for the upcoming Conference of the Parties and Meeting of the Parties had been continuing for some months. Eight draft decisions had been submitted in advance of the upcoming meeting and were available on the meeting portal. A further draft decision, on critical-use nominations, had recently been received and would be presented in a conference room paper. She thanked all those who had been involved in the preparations for the Conference of the Parties and

<sup>1</sup> All time references are to Nairobi time (UTC + 3).

Meeting of the Parties and expressed appreciation to the bureaux for their leadership role during the course of the year.

## **II. Adoption of the agenda**

8. The provisional agenda for the meeting, set out in document UNEP/OzL.Conv.12/Bur.2/1–UNEP/OzL.Pro.32/Bur.1/1, was adopted as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention at its eleventh meeting and twelfth meeting (part I) and related matters.
4. Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
5. Review of the agenda, presentation of a road map for the conduct of the meetings, and overview of the working documents prepared for the second part of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and for the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report of the meeting.
8. Closure of the meeting.

## **III. Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention at its eleventh meeting and its twelfth meeting (part I) and related matters**

9. Introducing the item, the representative of the Secretariat drew attention to annex I to document UNEP/OzL.Conv.12/Bur.2/2–UNEP/OzL.Pro.32/Bur.1/2, which provided an overview of action taken in response to the two decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention at its twelfth meeting (part I). Decision VC XII/1 concerned the organization of the second part of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention in 2021, while decision VC XII/2 addressed the issue of financial reports and budgets for the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. A one-year budget for 2021 had been adopted during the first part of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, held online in November 2020, while a budget for the Trust Fund for the Vienna Convention for the triennium 2022–2024 was expected to be adopted at the upcoming second part of the meeting.

10. The bureaux took note of the information provided.

## **IV. Work to date on the implementation of the decisions of the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol**

11. Introducing the item, the representative of the Secretariat drew attention to annex II of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.12/Bur.2/2–UNEP/OzL.Pro.32/Bur.1/2, which presented an overview of action taken in response to the 12 decisions adopted by the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. One decision was on the interim budget of the Multilateral Fund; one was on financial reports and budgets for the Montreal Protocol; one was on critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2021 and 2022; three were on data reporting and compliance with the Protocol; four related to membership of Montreal Protocol bodies; and the remaining two decisions were on the next meetings of the Parties (including an extraordinary meeting of the parties held in May 2021).

12. The bureaux took note of the information provided.

## **V. Review of the agenda, presentation of a road map for the conduct of the meetings, and overview of the working documents prepared for the second part of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and for the Thirty-Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol**

13. The Executive Secretary drew attention to relevant information contained in section IV of document UNEP/OzL.Conv.12/Bur.2/2–UNEP/OzL.Pro.32/Bur.1/2. She said that her review would cover the organization of work for the preparatory segment, the key issues to be covered by the Conference of the Parties and the Meeting of the Parties, the draft decisions submitted for discussion, the organization of work for the high-level segment, and expectations for 2022.

14. Regarding the organization of work for the preparatory segment, she said that the co-chairs had issued the proposed schedule of work before the meeting to help delegations organize their attendance in advance, given that many would be attending at inconvenient times in different global locations. Plenary meetings would take place each day from 2 to 4 p.m. from Saturday, 23 October to Thursday, 28 October, with separate time slots for any contact groups or other groups the parties might see fit to establish. It was intended that all agenda items would be covered during the first five days of the preparatory segment, while the sixth day would be reserved for reporting back from the various groups, finalization of all agenda items, and closure of the preparatory segment.

15. Regarding the key issues to be covered by the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, she said that there were three draft decisions on the important matter of replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol for the period 2021–2023: one on the contributions for 2022, proposed by Australia and the European Union; another on the interim budget of the Multilateral Fund, proposed by Canada; and a third on a possible extraordinary Meeting of the Parties during 2022, proposed by Norway. A second key issue was the identification of gaps in the global coverage of atmospheric monitoring of controlled substances and options for enhancing such monitoring, regarding which the European Union would submit a draft decision. As for the matter of compliance and reporting, the meeting would consider draft decisions forwarded from the sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh meetings of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol. A fourth important issue was energy efficiency, regarding which the Meeting of the Parties would consider draft decisions submitted by Ghana on behalf of the African Group and by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Key issues to be covered by the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention included the report of the eleventh meeting of the Ozone Research Managers of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the status of the General Trust Fund for Financing Activities on Research and Systematic Observations Relevant to the Vienna Convention. Draft decisions had been submitted on both matters for consideration by the parties.

16. The organization of work for the high-level segment, to be held on Friday, 29 October 2021, would include customary items such as presentations by the assessment panels on the status of their work, a presentation by the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund, and consideration of the draft decisions recommended for adoption by the preparatory segment. Due to time constraints, statements by heads of delegations would not be included.

17. Turning to the matter of future expectations, the Executive Secretary expressed the hope that meetings in 2022 could be held face to face, starting with an extended meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in July 2022, possibly back to back with an extraordinary Meeting of the Parties that parties may decide on. Since 2020 the consideration of many issues had been deferred because of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, including full negotiation on the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the period 2021–2023, and an extended meeting of the Open-ended Working Group would be required to cover all items. Various options were being considered for the dates and venue of that meeting and of the Meeting of the Parties scheduled for October 2022.

18. The bureaux took note of the information provided.

## **VI. Other matters**

19. No other matters were discussed.

## **VII. Adoption of the report of the meeting**

20. The bureaux agreed to entrust the Secretariat with the preparation of a draft report for circulation to the bureaux members for their comments. The report would then be finalized and shared with all parties.

## **VIII. Closure of the meeting**

21. The President declared the meeting closed at 3 p.m. on Friday, 22 October 2021.

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