

Decision 12/CP.8

Relationship between efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and efforts to safeguard the global climate system: issues relating to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons

The Conference of the Parties,

Expressing its appreciation to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol for their timely and complete response to the request of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,¹

Having considered the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions,

Recalling that the Convention provides flexibility for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention to optimize their approaches in minimizing the overall carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of greenhouse gases in their actions to address climate change,

Recognizing the role of the use of hydrofluorocarbons, hydrocarbons, ammonia, carbon dioxide and other options in the phase-out of ozone-depleting substances under the Montreal Protocol,

Recognizing also the need for governments to engage in or continue dialogues with relevant industries and stakeholders to advance information regarding replacement options for ozone-depleting substances in a manner that contributes to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol and the Convention,

Noting the importance of continuing research and development on technologies that safeguard the ozone layer while at the same time contributing to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol and the Convention,

Noting also that the Multilateral Fund under the Montreal Protocol is funding the replacement of ozone-depleting substances in developing countries by alternatives, some of which are also greenhouse gases,

Noting further that many developing countries Parties to the Montreal Protocol use hydrofluorocarbons in applications and depend on imports of these substances, and that any conversion has implications, including technological and economic implications, for those countries,

Considering the wide dissemination of policy-neutral information to be vital in allowing enterprises and governments to make fully informed choices regarding replacement options for ozone-depleting substances,

1. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and, through the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol to develop a balanced scientific, technical and policy-relevant special report as outlined in their response to a request by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,²

¹ See document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.23.

² See document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.23.

2. *Urges* the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol to address all areas into one single integrated report and finalize the report by early 2005;
3. *Encourages* Parties to ensure that their actions to address ozone depletion are undertaken in a manner that also contributes to the objective of the Convention;
4. *Encourages* governments to engage in or continue dialogues with relevant industries and stakeholders to advance information regarding replacement options for ozone-depleting substances in a manner that contributes to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol and the Convention;
5. *Encourages* relevant organizations to continue to make available policy-neutral information, particularly to developing countries, including through the Convention web site;
6. *Encourages* Parties to work towards continuing research and development on technologies that safeguard the ozone layer while at the same time contributing to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol and the Convention;
7. *Invites* Parties to consider project funding in addition to funding by the Multilateral Fund under the Montreal Protocol, in particular through the Global Environment Facility and the clean development mechanism;
8. *Requests* the Convention secretariat to bring this decision to the attention of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol through their respective secretariats;
9. *Decides* that:
 - (a) Until the acceptance by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol to undertake the work referred to in paragraph 1 above, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice shall continue its consideration of the issues under the agenda item "Relationship between efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and efforts to safeguard the global climate systems: issues relating to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons";
 - (b) Upon receipt of the acceptance by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol, the issues referred to in paragraph 9 (a) above will be considered under the agenda item "Cooperation with relevant international organizations";
 - (c) Consideration of these issues under the new agenda item will resume at the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice session immediately following receipt of the report but not later than 2005.