Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The thirty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer is scheduled to be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 18 July 2016, at the Vienna International Centre, Vienna. Information on pre-registration and on-site registration can be found in the information note for participants, posted on the meeting portal. As the meeting will be virtually paperless, participants are urged to bring their own laptops and handheld devices to access the meeting documents.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. Details of the issues on the agenda (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/1) are set out in the note by the Secretariat and its addendum on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, paras.1–3 and UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2/Add.1, para.1).

(b) Organization of work

3. The meeting will be co-chaired by the Working Group’s co-chairs (currently Mr. Paul Krajnik (Austria) and Mr. Leslie Smith (Grenada)). The co-chairs will make a proposal for organizing the work of the meeting, which the Working Group may wish to consider.

Item 3

Report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on updated and new information on alternatives to ozone-depleting substances (decision XXVII/4)

4. The Working Group is expected to consider the second report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and its task force, as requested by the parties in decision XXVII/4, on further updates of information for the refrigeration and air-conditioning sector, and to respond to other parts of the decision. The report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel also takes into account further guidance of the parties set out in annex I to the note by the Secretariat.

The following documents are available to assist parties in their consideration of the issue:

(a) Note by the Secretariat and its addendum on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, paras. 4–9 and UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2/Add.1 paras. 2–6);²


Item 4

“Dubai pathway on hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)” (decision XXVII/1)

5. Under this agenda item, the Working Group is expected to consider the outcome of its resumed thirty-seventh meeting, to be held in Vienna on 15 and 16 July 2016. The co-chairs of the contact group that will take up the discussions on the “Dubai pathway” at the resumed thirty-seventh meeting are expected to report to the Working Group at its thirty-eighth meeting on the outcome of those discussions. Based on that report, the Working Group is expected to decide how to take the issue forward. The following documents are available to assist parties in their consideration of the issue:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, paras. 10–17);

(b) Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (June 2016): decision XXVII/4 task force report on further information on alternatives to ozone-depleting substances;

(c) Consolidation of the amendment proposals submitted by parties to the Montreal Protocol (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/resumed.37/INF/1-UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/INF/1-UNEP/OzL.Pro.ExMOP/3/INF/1)

(d) Briefing note on baselines: past practices and current challenges.

Item 5

Technology and Economic Assessment Panel 2016 report

6. The Working Group is expected to consider the report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on the information and recommendations of the Panel that are relevant to matters on the provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group. The following documents are available to assist parties in their consideration of the issue:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, paras. 18–20);

(b) Addendum to the note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2/Add.1, paras. 7–8 and annex I).


Item 6

Issues related to exemptions under Articles 2A-2I of the Montreal Protocol

(a) Nominations for essential-use exemptions for 2017

7. The Working Group is expected to consider the nomination of China for an essential-use exemption to use carbon tetrachloride for testing of oil, grease and hydrocarbons in water in 2017. The following documents are available to assist participants in their consideration of the issue:

(a) Note by the Secretariat and addendum on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its

thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, para. 21, and UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2/Add.1, paras. 9–10); (b) Report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, June 2016 (volume 1): Progress Report, chapter 5.

(b) **Nominations for critical-use exemptions for 2017 and 2018**

8. The Working Group is expected to consider the exemptions for nominations for critical-use for methyl bromide for 2017 and 2018. The following documents are available to assist participants in their consideration of the issue:

(a) Note by the Secretariat and addendum on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, paras. 22, and UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2/Add.1, paras. 11–12);


**Item 7**

**Issues related to the phase-out of hydrochlorofluorocarbons (decision XXVII/5)**

9. The Working Group is expected to consider the report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) that was requested in decision XXVII/5. The following documents are available to assist participants in their consideration of the issue:

(a) Note by the Secretariat and addendum on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, paras. 23–25, and UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2/Add.1, paras. 13–14 and annex II);

(b) Technology and Economic Assessment Panel Progress Report, June 2016 (volume 3): decision XXVII/5 working group report: issues related to the phase-out of HCFCs.

**Item 8**

**Availability of recovered, recycled or reclaimed halons (decision XXVI/7)**

10. The Working Group is expected to hear the report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel on its findings regarding the availability of recovered, recycled or reclaimed halons for remaining fire safety uses, in particular in civil aviation based on the request by parties in decision XXVI/7. The decision had, inter alia, encouraged parties, on a voluntary basis, to liaise, through their national ozone officers, with their national civil aviation authorities to gain an understanding of how halons are being recovered, recycled or reclaimed to meet purity standards for aviation use and supplied to air carriers to meet ongoing civil aviation needs. The following documents are available to assist participants in their consideration of the issue:

(a) Note by the Secretariat and addendum on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, paras. 26–29, and UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2/Add.1, paras. 15–17);


**Item 9**

**Terms of reference for the study on the 2018–2020 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol**

11. The Working Group is expected to consider the terms of reference for the study on the 2018–2020 replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, with a possible decision to be taken on the matter during the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties in October 2016. The note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, paras. 30–31) and annex III to the note provide background information to the issue.
Item 10

Report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Scientific Assessment Panel on analysis of the discrepancies between observed atmospheric concentrations of and reported data on carbon tetrachloride (decision XXVII/7)

12. The Working Group is expected to consider a progress report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Scientific Assessment Panel on the analysis of discrepancies between observed atmospheric concentrations and reported data on carbon tetrachloride, as requested by parties in decision XXVII/7. The final report will be submitted at the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties in October 2016. The note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, paras. 32–33) sets out the current status of the issue.

Item 11

Destruction of banks of ozone-depleting substances (UNEP/OzL.Pro.27/13, para. 114)

13. The Working Group is expected to discuss the issue of managing and destroying banks of ozone-depleting substances in an environmentally sound manner. The anticipated discussion on the particular difficulty for developing countries with no destruction facilities of their own is based on a proposal made during the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro.27/13, para. 114), at which it was agreed that the matter should be placed on the agenda of the Open-ended Working Group in 2016. The note by the Secretariat on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, paras. 34–37) provides background information on the issue.

Item 12

Technology and Economic Assessment Panel: organizational matters

14. The Working Group is expected to consider the information on organizational and administrative issues of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and its technical options committees regarding any nominations, renominations, appointments and reappointments of Panel and committee members. There may also be other issues that the Working Group may address based on the report by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel. The following documents are available to assist participants in their consideration of the issue:

(a) Note by the Secretariat and addendum on issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its thirty-eighth meeting (UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2, paras. 38–39, and UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/38/2/Add.1, paras. 18–21);


Item 13

Other matters

15. The Working Group may wish to consider other matters raised by parties at the time of the adoption of the agenda.

Item 14

Adoption of the report

16. The draft report of the thirty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group will be presented for adoption on Thursday, 21 July 2016.
Item 15

Closure of the meeting

17. The thirty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group is expected to close on Thursday, 21 July 2016.