

**Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to
the Montreal Protocol on Substances that
Deplete the Ozone Layer**

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Item 12 (a) of the provisional agenda*

Consideration of methyl bromide issues and proposals submitted by certain Parties: trade in products and commodities treated with methyl bromide

Draft decision on trade in products and commodities treated with methyl bromide

Submission by Kenya, as amended by plenary

The Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties decides

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Noting that most of the Parties or States operating under Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Montreal Protocol derive a significant portion of their national income from trade in commodities which rely on methyl bromide for their production or shipment,

Acknowledging that the special needs of Parties operating under Article 5, paragraph 1 were considered when the phase-out schedules for methyl bromide were established under the Montreal Protocol;

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1. Subject to rights and obligations under other international agreements, to urge the Parties to the Montreal Protocol not to restrict trade in products or commodities from Parties that are otherwise in compliance with their Montreal Protocol obligations solely because the commodities or products have been treated with methyl bromide, or because the commodities have been produced or grown on soil treated with methyl bromide;

 2. To request the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to review this issue;
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