

Annex III

Letter from the Delegation of the
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Geneva, 4 December 1986

Sir,

It has been learnt that the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts for the preparation of a Protocol on Chlorofluorocarbons to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer includes Dr. T. Bunge, an official of the Federal Environmental Agency of the Federal Republic of Germany, which is illegally located in West Berlin.

The appointment of an official of that Agency as a member of the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany cannot be viewed as anything other than an act aimed at misusing the authority of the United Nations Environment Programme in order to obtain legal sanction for the State bodies of the Federal Republic of Germany illegally located in Western Berlin.

The establishment of such bodies in West Berlin runs directly counter to the provision of the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971 that West Berlin continues not to be a constituent part of the Federal Republic of Germany and not to be governed by it. Attempts to involve such bodies in international co-operation can only create unnecessary complications in our work and hinder the accomplishment of the tasks before UNEP.

Mr. W. Lang

Chairman of the first session of the
Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and
Technical Experts for the Preparation
of a Protocol on Chlorofluorocarbons
to the Vienna Convention for the Protection
of the Ozone Layer (Vienna Group)

Geneva

In view of the foregoing, the delegation of the USSR cannot recognize as lawful the appointment of Dr. T. Bunge as a member of the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany and requests you, Mr. Chairman to take the appropriate measures for this statement to be duly reflected in the report of our session.

(signed) V. Sakharov
Head of the delegation of the
Soviet Socialist Republics