

OPEN -ENDED WORKING GROUP OF THE PARTIES TO  
THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT  
DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

Seventeenth Meeting  
Geneva, 7-9 July 1998

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL IN THE  
LIGHT OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

Sri Lanka: draft decision

The Tenth Meeting of the Parties decides:

1. To note that the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change has adopted the Kyoto Protocol to the Climate Change Convention at its third session, held in Kyoto last December;
2. To note that the Kyoto Protocol requires Parties listed in Annex I of the Convention to ensure that their aggregate anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of the greenhouse gases listed in Annex A of the Protocol do not exceed their assigned amounts as listed in Annex B, during the first commitment period of 2008 - 2012;
3. To note that the basket of greenhouse gases controlled under the Kyoto Protocol includes hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), in view of their high global warming potentials;

4. To note that the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel has identified HFCs as alternative substances to CFCs, and some Parties have already changed over, and others changing over to such HFC technologies;
  
5. To request the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel:
  - (a) To assess, in consultation with the relevant scientific and technical bodies of the Climate Change Convention, the implication of any measures to control the emission of HFCs under the Kyoto Protocol that Parties listed in Annex B may adopt, on the implementation of the Montreal Protocol, and to report its findings;
  
  - (b) To report on the existing and potential availability of alternatives to HFCs and technologies, identifying those applications where suitable alternatives are not currently available, and on the technical and economic viability of such alternative technologies.

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