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From: General Secretariat of the Council

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Subject: Major recent international events

Joint Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (COP 10-MOP 26) (Paris, 17-21 November 2014)

- Information from the Presidency and the Commission

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Delegations will find attached an information note from the Presidency and the Commission on the above subject, which will be discussed under "Any other business" at the Environment Council meeting on 17 December 2014.

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**- Information from the Presidency and the Commission -**

1. The Joint 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the 26th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol took place in Paris back to back with the 73rd Executive Committee meeting of the Multilateral Fund of the Montreal Protocol. EU Member States and all the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol participated, plus various UN implementing agencies, NGOs, industry associations and stakeholders.
2. UNESCO provided the necessary logistic support as well as the appropriate setting to ensure a successful meeting.

The main results of the meeting were:

**- Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund for the years 2015 – 2017**

A contact group composed of 12 countries from non-Article 5 countries and 12 from Article 5 countries negotiated the replenishment of the Fund for the compliance needs of the Article 5 countries. In its decision, the COP/MOP adopted a budget of US\$507.5 million. With this agreed level, Article 5 Parties will be able to phase out 10% of their HCFCs by 2015 and further reach next targets.

**- Membership changes on the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel**

In its decision, the COP/MOP endorsed the appointment of Mr. Fabio Polonara (Italy) to the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and as a new Co-Chair of the Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heat Pumps Technical Options Committee for a term of four years. In addition Ashley Woodcock (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) was endorsed as Co-Chair of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel for a term of four years.

- **HFC amendment under the Montreal Protocol**

Discussions took place during the COP/MOP. However, no consensus was reached on how to further proceed. An additional meeting in 2015 will be organized for further progress on this issue.

- **Ministerial roundtable**

Participants included Miguel Arias Cañete, European Commissioner for Climate and Energy who said the main challenge facing the MP over the next decade was to eliminate remaining ODS without harming the climate, particularly by countering the growing use of HFCs resulting from measures taken under the Protocol. He also stated that the EU is considering tabling a proposal for an amendment in 2015. Others raised the challenges of how to sustain the technical and financial assistance to Article 5 parties; phase out remaining ODS; control HFCs; address illegal trade in ODS; and prevent new ODS from being produced.

- **Measures to facilitate the monitoring of trade in HCFCs and substituting substances**

In its decision the COP/MOP, requests the Ozone Secretariat to liaise with the World Customs Organization to examine the possibility of designating individual Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) codes for the most commonly traded fluorinated substitutes for HCFCs and CFCs classified under HS code 2903.39. The target is to prevent illegal trade in HCFCs and CFCs.

