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Foreword

Humankind in the twenty-first century continues to face global challenges that transcend geographical borders and the limits of time. Yet in the international community's response to the threatened destruction of the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer, we find an encouraging story, as governments world-wide continue to work for the protection of the ozone layer with political commitment, through a streamlined institutional arrangement and a pragmatic approach to combat a global problem.

UNEP is pleased to publish the sixth edition of *The Handbook for the International Treaties for the Protection of the Ozone Layer*. It includes the texts of the Ozone Treaties and their Amendments, as well as all decisions taken by the Parties during the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and to the Montreal Protocol up to the end of 2002. I am confident that the progress being made under the Ozone Treaties, as reflected in this *Handbook*, will enrich the literature on



monitoring and enforcing compliance with international treaties.

The meetings of the Parties of the years 2000, 2001, and particularly the Fourteenth Meeting in 2002, have again tested the vitality of the treaties and their compliance procedures. Also in the year 2002 the Beijing Amendment (agreed in 1999) entered into force, controlling a new substance, bromochloromethane, and establishing its corresponding phase-out schedule. While all Parties are making efforts to comply with the phase-out schedules for ozone-depleting substances, the Implementation Committee has considered several Parties operating under Article 5, and has guided them into paths of complete compliance with the control measures. The Fourteenth Meeting also agreed on the fifth replenishment of the Multilateral Fund, which will provide Parties operating under Article 5 with the further funds necessary to comply with the Protocol.

Earlier editions of this *Handbook* have proven to be valuable and dynamic sources of information, providing delegates and observers who attend the ozone meetings, as well as academics, students, experts from industry and NGOs, with excellent, relevant and up-to-date information. I hope the users of this *Handbook* – the diverse audience that works to protect the ozone layer and follows this global process – will find this new edition a valuable tool in implementing the Ozone Treaties and complying with their provisions.

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Introduction

The conclusion in 1985 of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, followed in 1987 by the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, were the starting points of global cooperation for the protection of the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer. The six meetings held by the Parties to the Vienna Convention, and the fourteen meetings held by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, since then have led to many decisions designed to implement the objectives of the Convention and Protocol, all of which are reflected in this *Handbook for the International Treaties for the Protection of the Ozone Layer*.

The Handbook is divided into five main sections. $Section\ I$ reproduces the text of the Vienna



Convention, and also includes all the decisions of the Conferences of the Parties to the Convention, arranged under appropriate Articles. *Section II* provides the text of the Montreal Protocol, together with a summary of its control measures. All decisions of the annual Meetings of the Parties are included in this section, placed under each appropriate Article of the Protocol. The section also contains summaries of destruction procedures, essential use exemptions, the Protocol's non-compliance procedure, financial matters and declarations of the Parties. There is also a subsection on the Multilateral Fund, which includes its terms of reference and the composition of the Executive Committee and its rules of procedure.

Section III deals with the Rules of Procedure for the meetings of the Parties to both the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol. Section IV provides useful information on the evolution of the Montreal Protocol from 1987 to date, including all the adjustments and amendments made to the original text. Finally, Section V provides a guide to sources of further information relevant to ozone protection but not included in the Handbook – including the Secretariat's web site (http://www.unep.org/ozone).

This sixth edition of the *Handbook* updates the contents up to the end of 2002. In addition, we have included an index and colour-coded bars to help users find their way round the text. The *Handbook* is placed on the Secretariat's web site and will be updated regularly; a CD-ROM version is also available. It is hoped that the *Handbook for the International Treaties for the Protection of the Ozone Layer* will continue to prove useful. Suggestions to improve its format or content are, of course, always welcome.

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