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Foreword

Data on the production and consumption of ozone depleting substances (ODS) are literally the cornerstones that underpin the entire Montreal Protocol process: without reliable and timely data provided by all Parties, decision-makers at the national, regional and international levels could not formulate appropriate control measures, devise realistic phase-out strategies, or provide the necessary financial and technical assistance required by developing countries. The accurate, timely, and comprehensive reporting of data has therefore emerged as one of the key issues facing the Protocol today.

Recognising this, the Parties at their Ninth Meeting (Montreal, 15-17 September 1997) emphasised the importance of reporting data and the need for all Parties to give it greater consideration. Within this context, they requested the UNEP Industry and Environment centre to prepare a handbook to assist all Parties with fulfilling their data reporting obligations (Decision IX/28). This handbook has been prepared in response to that request, as part of UNEP's March 1998 Work Programme Amendment under the Multilateral Fund. The handbook reflects the latest decisions of the Parties taken at their Tenth Meeting (Cairo, 23-25 November 1998).

Data reporting is crucial for all Parties, not only for fulfilling their external obligations under the Protocol and its Amendments, but also internally for verifying their position vis-à-vis their national strategies to phase out ozone depleting substances. It should therefore be viewed as a useful tool, not simply as a requirement.

Reliable data reporting is particularly crucial for Article 5 countries, which will soon face their first control measure: the freeze in their consumption and production of Annex A CFCs at their 1995-1997 levels by 1 July 1999. Soon after, by 1 January 2002, the next freeze targets will come into effect for halons and methyl bromide, and subsequent control measures requiring consumption reductions will follow. Understanding and following the correct data reporting procedures will therefore be crucial for the establishment of the freeze levels and the subsequent progressive reductions of those ODS.

The handbook was developed in co-operation with the Ozone Secretariat, the Multilateral Fund Secretariat, and the other Implementing Agencies, and quality re-viewed by experts from ozone units, research institutes, and industry in Article 5 countries, developed countries, and Countries with Economies in Transition. The handbook, then, reflects the full diversity of perspectives and the breadth of knowledge of this representative slice of the Montreal Protocol community.

Though specifically written for National Ozone Units (NOUs) in Article 5 (i.e. developing) countries, the handbook will also be useful for Article 7 data reporting by

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