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Seventy-first Meeting
Montreal, 2-6 December 2013

TENTATIVE DATES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 2014

1. This document presents potential dates for Executive Committee meetings in 2014. The tentative dates of the meetings of the Executive Committee have been proposed in line with decision 70/23(b)¹, and taking into account tentative dates of other environment-related meetings, namely:

- Fifth Assembly and associated meetings of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (25-30 May 2014)
- The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (First session) (4-15 June 2014)
- The 34th meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and related meetings (i.e., 52nd meeting of the Implementation Committee and Workshop on hydrofluorocarbon management as per decision XXV/5) (9-18 July 2014)
- The 47th meeting of the GEF Council (27-30 October 2014)
- The sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to prepare a global legally binding instrument on mercury meeting (3-7 November 2014)
- The Tenth Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention (COP) and the Twenty-sixth meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (COP 10/MOP 26) and related meetings (14-21 November 2014)
- The UNFCCC (Second session) (3-14 December 2014)

¹To convene two meetings of the Executive Committee in 2014 on a trial basis, preferably in mid-April/early-May for the first meeting, and prior to the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Parties for the second meeting.

Pre-session documents of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol are without prejudice to any decision that the Executive Committee might take following issuance of the document.

72nd meeting of the Executive Committee:

2. The Secretariat considered the following three options for the dates of the 72nd meeting:

- Option 1:** *28 April to 2 May 2014:* A tentative booking has been made at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) premises. A final booking is pending a decision from the Executive Committee.
- Option 2:** *5 to 9 May 2014:* No suitable premises were found during this period. Meeting facilities at ICAO and the Palais des Congrès are not available. The Centre Mont-Royal, another potential venue, was also not available
- Option 3:** *12 to 16 May 2014:* A tentative booking has been made at ICAO. A final booking is pending a decision from the Executive Committee. As a back-up, the Secretariat contacted several hotels² with meeting facilities; however, none of them were available.

Potential intersessional meeting of the Executive Committee

3. Should the Executive Committee decide to have a one-day intersessional meeting between the 72nd meeting and the last meeting in 2014 (in line with decision 70/23(c))³, the meeting could take place on Saturday 19 July 2014 after to the 34th OEWG meeting. This proposed tentative date has been provided as there could be coordination meetings within the regional groups the day before the 34th OEWG commences.

Last meeting of the Executive Committee

4. The Secretariat considered the following two options for the dates of the 73rd meeting:

- Option 1:** *27-31 October 2014:* To be held in Montreal, Canada. As of this writing, the premises at ICAO are available; a firm booking will be made once the Executive Committee takes a decision on the dates of the meeting.
- Option 2:** *9 (Sunday) to 13 November 2014:* Back-to-back with COP 10/MOP 26⁴. ICAO and Palais des Congrès premises in Montreal are not available during MOP/COP dates.

² The hotel option as a venue for the meeting is generally more expensive; requires further consultations to secure reliable support for simultaneous translation, and a paperless meeting; and securing international security norms.

³ To note that the Executive Committee could request the Secretariat to organize an intersessional meeting to discuss any urgent policy issues or project proposals that would need to be addressed between the first and last meetings where the compliance of an Article 5 country with its obligations under the Montreal Protocol was at risk.

⁴ As per decision XXV/21, the 26th MOP will take place at the seat of the Secretariat in Nairobi or at any other United Nations venue and therefore the cost differential of holding the Executive Committee meeting outside Montreal will have to be borne from the Multilateral Fund budget.