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**CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE INFORMAL GROUP ON
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**

This document presents the report of the Informal Group on Technology Transfer (established by Decision VIII/7) which was presented to the Nineteenth Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group held in Geneva on 15-18 June 1999.

The Informal Advisory Group on Technology Transfer identified potential impediments to technology transfer and, while there was no consensus on those impediments, it discussed steps that could be taken to overcome them. The Informal Group recommended the following steps for consideration by the Executive Committee.

- A. A database should be prepared which contains a description and characteristics of the available ODS substituting technologies and the terms under which such technologies are available for transfer.
- B. The Article 5 Parties and their enterprises could select appropriate technologies with the assistance of the database. Appropriate representatives in Article 2 countries may also be a source of information to facilitate the transfer of technology. The implementing agencies may be asked by an article 5 Party to help in this process but the final decision on technologies will, consistent with Executive Committee guidelines, be with the concerned Article 5 Party.
- C. Where an Article 5 Party finds impediments in the transfer of particular technologies, consistent with Article 10A of the Protocol, it can notify the Government of the country where the owners of those technologies are located. While the Governments cannot force the transfer of technology, they may be able to assist and catalyze the transfer of technology.
- D. The Article 5 Parties should continue to be empowered and enabled to make informed decisions regarding technologies. The implementing agencies must be requested to carry out the Article 5 Parties' wishes and, consistent with Executive Committee guidelines, not impose their own views on Article 5 Parties.
- E. Article 2 Parties' governments are encouraged to develop incentives to facilitate the transfer of ODS substitution technologies to Article 5 countries in addition to the database.
- F. The companies of the Article 5 countries are encouraged to use domestic technologies for conversion or substitution when such technologies are available domestically and competitive in terms of technical effectiveness and price.

The transfer of technologies among the Article 5 countries should be encouraged.