

ANNEX V

Temporary Difficulties Encountered by Hungary, Bulgaria, and Poland (Decision IV/21 of the Fourth Meeting of the Parties)

The Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol requested the Executive Committee and the Fund Secretariat to provide assistance to Hungary, Bulgaria and Poland in exploring and identifying possible ways and means of making in-kind contributions (Decision IV/21: Temporary difficulties encountered by Hungary, Bulgaria, and Poland).

The Secretariat contacted Bulgaria, Hungary, and Poland and drew their attention to Decision IV/21 and provided them with all the information available in the Secretariat regarding in-kind contributions. The Secretariat requested these Parties to provide information on actions and/or decisions regarding in-kind contributions to the Multilateral Fund in order to prepare a report for consideration by the Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Secretariat received responses from Hungary and Poland.

Poland confirmed its willingness to pay outstanding contributions to the Multilateral Fund.

Hungary proposed to discuss the practical mechanism of delivering in-kind contributions to Article 5, paragraph 1, countries by supplying HFC-134a compressors, and by providing training and servicing in the refrigeration sector. Other possibilities of in-kind contribution are also being explored.

The Executive Committee welcomed the statement made by Poland regarding payment of outstanding contributions. It requested the Treasurer to send official notification to the financial authorities in Poland regarding the amount of outstanding contributions.

The Executive Committee requested the Fund Secretariat and the implementing agencies to take appropriate actions to explore the possibility of making use of the in-kind contribution proposed by Hungary in implementation of projects in the refrigeration sector in Article 5, paragraph 1, countries as a test case for consideration by the Executive Committee of possible policy issues arising from in-kind contributions.

The Executive Committee also requested the Fund Secretariat to explore further the potential of in-kind contributions from Bulgaria and other countries for which in-kind contributions might be used for outstanding contributions and to report to the Fifth Meeting of the Parties.

The Executive Committee urged the above-mentioned countries to co-operate with UNEP IE/PAC, to provide information on available technologies and expertise in these countries for dissemination to Article 5, paragraph 1, countries.

It also encouraged these countries to contact Article 5, paragraph 1, countries to identify opportunities for cooperation through in-kind contributions.