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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
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| Subject: | AOB for the meeting of the Council (Environment) on 16 December 2025 37th meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP37) (Nairobi, Kenya, 3-7 November) - Information from the Presidency and the Commission |

MOP37 and informal meeting on implementation

The thirty-seventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (MOP37) was held back-to-back with an informal meeting on facilitating implementation of the Montreal Protocol from 2 - 7 November 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya. The informal meeting discussed import and export licensing systems, illegal trade, data collection, and reporting systems with a particular emphasis on the experiences gained by parties in the early implementation of the Kigali amendment and HFC phase-down.

MOP37 was well attended with 154 parties registered and concluded with decisions on a number of implementation issues, incl. unexpected emissions of HFC-23, halon 1301 and its continuing use in the aviation industry, compliance decisions recommended by the Implementation Committee, next steps to address gaps in global atmospheric monitoring of controlled substances, a global study on quantities of refrigerants and end-of-life management of those refrigerants, and a decision on information gathering on centres of excellence for sustainable cooling. Finally, a number of decisions of a financial nature was made, incl. on the budget for the secretariat, a report on options for making effective and efficient changes to the meeting schedule and structure of the protocol, and terms of reference for a study on the 2027-2029 replenishment of the Multilateral fund for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol. In this context it will be important to see next year what the ongoing review of the US administration will present for their contributions under the Montreal Protocol.

Organisational matters

Due to a blockage by the Russian Federation, the Central and Eastern European region was not in a position to nominate a candidate for the Implementation Committee of the Montreal Protocol as part of the election of officers. No candidates were nominated by the regional group itself and a self-nomination in plenary by Czechia was opposed by Russia. None of the candidates from the five regional groups were elected and an Extraordinary Meeting of Parties was decided to be held during the Forty-Eight Open Ended Working Group concerning itself only with the election of officers for the Implementation Committee of the Montreal Protocol. Kazakhstan self-nominated in plenary for the rotating seat of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund and the nomination was unanimously supported. A vacant seat as vice-president representing the Central and Eastern European Group was decided for the bureau as no candidates came forward with self-nominations.
