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Saving the Ozone Layer: Guidelines for United Nations Offices

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"Saving the Ozone Layer : Guidelines for United Nations offices" has just been produced by the United Nations Environment Programme. This document is prepared in response to decision 10 made by the UNEP Governing Council at its 18th meeting, GC Decision 18/10 "to promote good environmental housekeeping within the United Nations system".

These guidelines describe practical steps to phase out the use of ozone-depleting substances on UN premises. It is aimed at assisting UN Office managers responsible for planning, purchasing and maintenance of refrigeration and other equipment that contains chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other ozone-depleting substances (ODS), decide on how to best formulate and implement a phaseout action plan through retrofit and conversion , minimize the loss of ODS during phaseout and ensure that new equipment purchased is ODS-free. Each step is also illustrated by examples based on activities that have already taken place in the UN complex in Nairobi to phaseout ODS. Easy to reproduce checklists for each stage is also provided for easy reference.

Although these guidelines are written with UN offices in mind, in practice they are applicable to any-office type building or organization and other groups who are interested in the issue of ozone depletion who want to get ideas on how to initiate individual phaseout efforts.

The publication of this document is even more relevant considering the deadlines for ODS phaseout that are fast approaching especially for developing countries. As many UN offices are located in these countries, these guidelines are certainly important in light of the first control measure for developing countries which is the freeze in production and consumption of CFCs by 1 July 1999.

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About the OzonAction Programme:

The UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme under the Multilateral Fund for the Montreal Protocol provides other clearinghouse services (Training & Networking of ODS Officers) as well as assistance with the development of national ODS phase out strategies (Country Programmes) and Institutional Strengthening support.

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principles for the protection of the environment; 3) to promote preventive environmental protection through cleaner production and other proactive approaches; 4) to stimulate the exchange of information and experience throughout the world. DTIE provides access to practical information and develops cooperative activities backed by regular follow-up and assessment. To promote the transfer of information and the sharing of knowledge and experience, DTIE has developed three complementary tools: technical reports; the quarterly "Industry and Environment" review and a technical query-response service. UNEP DTIE is conducting the following main programme elements: Accident Prevention (APELL), Cleaner Production, Energy, OzonAction, Pollution Management, Tourism.

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