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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

29 August 2005

Dear Sir,

Subject: Request for an informal assessment of the potential cost of a study being considered by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

Please refer to the above subject.

At their 16th Meeting, the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer discussed the possibility of commissioning a study on the feasibility of developing and implementing a system for tracking the trade in ozone depleting substances. Toward that end, draft terms of reference have been developed for a proposed study, and those terms of reference are enclosed with this letter. The Parties to the Montreal Protocol are due to discuss those terms of reference at their meeting in December 2005, at which time they are likely to take a decision whether they wish to abandon the idea of a study, or go forward with the study by having the Ozone Secretariat solicit bids and issue a contract in accordance with the final terms of reference to be agreed.

In initiating this process, the Parties to the Montreal Protocol requested the Ozone Secretariat, to get information on the likely cost of such a study. This information would be used by the Parties in taking their decision in December. As a consequence, the Ozone Secretariat is attempting to get indicative estimates from 3-5 internationally recognized firms on the costs that would be likely to be involved with conducting the study outlined in the draft terms of reference that are under consideration by the parties.

We wish to emphasize that this letter does not constitute a formal solicitation of a bid for an already approved project. Further, we understand that submission of an indicative cost estimate for the proposed study does not indicate a commitment on your part or any other firm to actually carry out the work proposed at the cost indicated. The cost information generated through this letter will be used solely to indicate to the Parties to the Montreal Protocol the potential cost of carrying out the study given the current

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state of the terms of reference that are still under discussion. With this understanding, we would request your consideration of this matter, and, if possible, the submission of an estimate of costs to carry out the study in accordance with the indicative terms of reference enclosed.

In order to maximize consideration of related issues by the Protocol Parties, we would request you to submit your cost estimates to the Ozone Secretariat by 15 September 2005 at the following address:

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If the Parties decide at their meeting in December to proceed with the study, the Ozone Secretariat will go through the formal process of soliciting bids and awarding a contract for the work consistent with United Nations rules.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter, and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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