

Intervention by Mr. Peter Christmann for GERMANY in the Thematic Discussion (8th meeting) on "Integrated approach to addressing air pollution and atmospheric problems":

There are two particular important issues which require early attention by a number of Governments:

(1) One obstacle to fighting strategic ozone protection more effectively is not the absence of means of implementation like finance or technology, but rather the lack of political will to tackle the problem of illegal trade of ODA. We believe that there is an urgent need to develop policies for the tracking of imports exports and re-exports of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) and to implement licensing systems that cover all categories of import and export, with the aim of reducing end markets for illegal ozone-depleting substances.

(2) Governments need to give further consideration to issues related to the depletion of the ozone layer and climate change and the links between the Montreal Protocol and the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol, in order to maintain the Montreal Protocol's momentum while achieving the Kyoto Protocol's targets. We believe that countries should consider available win-win options which are cost-competitive and implement such measures at the national level with a sense of urgency.

Regards,
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