



Plenary sitting

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RECOMMENDATION

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer
(07725/2017 – C8-0157/2017 – 2017/0016(NLE))

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Rapporteur: Kateřina Konečná

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer (07725/2017 – C8-0157/2017 – 2017/0016(NLE))

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (07725/2017),
 - having regard to the Kigali amendment to the Montreal Protocol, adopted at the twenty-eighth meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, held in Kigali, Rwanda in October 2016,
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 192(1) and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C8-0157/2017),
 - having regard to Rule 99(1) and (4), and Rule 108(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A8-0237/2017),
1. Gives its consent to conclusion of the agreement;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The main outcome of the 28th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, which took place from 10 to 15 October 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda, was the adoption of an amendment to the Montreal Protocol (hereinafter ‘the Protocol’). The amendment adds hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) to the list of substances regulated by the Protocol and amends the applicable articles in the Protocol accordingly. HFCs are commonly used in air conditioners, refrigerators, aerosols, foams and other products. They were introduced as an alternative to chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other substances that are harmful to the ozone layer, the use of which has been reduced by measures implemented under the Protocol. It has been discovered, however, that HFCs are active greenhouse gases whose global warming potential can be one thousand times greater than that of carbon dioxide. Their use must therefore be reduced as soon as possible. Most economically developed countries will be required to cut down the production and use of HFCs between 2019 and 2023. Most developing countries will then freeze their consumption and production of HFCs between 2024 and 2028. The rest will freeze their consumption and production between 2028 and 2031. The EU’s prompt adoption of the Kigali Amendment will signal its commitment to making a substantial contribution to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and thereby meeting the targets set in the Paris Agreement. For this reason, Member States should be called on to complete the process of ratifying the amendment according to the proposed schedule. The rapporteur welcomes and appreciates the decision of the United Kingdom, to accept and ratify the Kigali Amendment, in spite of the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	Agreement to amend the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer, adopted in Kigali
References	07725/2017 – C8-0157/2017 – COM(2017)0051 – 2017/0016(NLE)
Date of consultation / request for consent	15.5.2017
Committee responsible Date announced in plenary	ENVI 18.5.2017
Rapporteurs Date appointed	Kateřina Konečná 24.4.2017
Discussed in committee	21.6.2017
Date adopted	22.6.2017
Result of final vote	+: 55 –: 0 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Marco Affronte, Margrete Auken, Pilar Ayuso, Zoltán Balczó, Ivo Belet, Biljana Borzan, Lynn Boylan, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Nessa Childers, Birgit Collin-Langen, Mireille D’Ornano, Miriam Dalli, Seb Dance, Mark Demesmaeker, José Inácio Faria, Karl-Heinz Florenz, Francesc Gambús, Jens Gieseke, Françoise Grossetête, Jytte Guteland, Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Benedek Jávor, Karin Kadenbach, Kateřina Konečná, Urszula Krupa, Norbert Lins, Massimo Paolucci, Gilles Pargneaux, Bolesław G. Piecha, Julia Reid, Frédérique Ries, Michèle Rivasi, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Davor Škrlec, Renate Sommer, Ivica Tolić, Nils Torvalds, Adina-Ioana Vălean, Jadwiga Wiśniewska, Damiano Zoffoli
Substitutes present for the final vote	Paul Brannen, Nicola Caputo, Eleonora Evi, Elena Gentile, Anja Hazekamp, Mairead McGuinness, Ulrike Müller, Sirpa Pietikäinen, Stanislav Polčák, Tibor Szanyi, Keith Taylor
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Richard Corbett, Jan Keller, Constanze Krehl, Lieve Wierinck, Tiemo Wölken
Date tabled	27.6.2017

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

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ALDE	Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Ulrike Müller, Frédérique Ries, Nils Torvalds, Lieve Wierinck
ECR	Mark Demesmaecker, Urszula Krupa, Bolesław G. Piecha, Jadwiga Wiśniewska
EFDD	Eleonora Evi
ENF	Mireille D'Ornano
GUE/NGL	Lynn Boylan, Anja Hazekamp, Kateřina Konečná
NI	Zoltán Balczó
PPE	Pilar Ayuso, Ivo Belet, Birgit Collin-Langen, José Inácio Faria, Karl-Heinz Florenz, Francesc Gambús, Jens Gieseke, Françoise Grossetête, Norbert Lins, Mairead McGuinness, Sirpa Pietikäinen, Stanislav Polčák, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Renate Sommer, Ivica Tolić, Adina-Ioana Vălean
S&D	Biljana Borzan, Paul Brannen, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Nicola Caputo, Nessa Childers, Richard Corbett, Miriam Dalli, Seb Dance, Elena Gentile, Jytte Guteland, Karin Kadenbach, Jan Keller, Constanze Krehl, Massimo Paolucci, Gilles Pargneaux, Tibor Szanyi, Tiemo Wölken, Damiano Zoffoli
Verts/ALE	Marco Affronte, Margrete Auken, Benedek Jávor, Michèle Rivasi, Keith Taylor, Davor Škrlec

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EFDD	Julia Reid

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention