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1- Summary of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Parties (MOP-14)

Summary of the fourteenth Meeting of the Parties (MOP-14) to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the 6th Conference of the Parties (COP-6) to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer convened in Rome, Italy, from 25-29 November 2002. The joint meeting was attended by 612 participants from 148 countries, plus representatives from UN agencies, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) ...

@: <http://www.iisd.ca/linkages/vol19/enb1924e.html>

Source: The Earth Negotiations Bulletin

2- Campaign to Get Rid of Dangerous Fire Extinguishers Begins (New Zealand)

The Government and the fire protection industry are to share the cost of getting rid of the potentially dangerous and environmentally damaging yellow halon fire extinguishers. Environment Minister Marian Hobbs today urged to public to hand in their halon extinguishers, most commonly used in boats, caravans and baches, and replace them with red extinguishers. "Halon fire extinguishers are extremely dangerous, not only because they may fail in a fire (they can no longer be serviced in New Zealand), but because halon 1211 is very damaging to the ozone layer," Ms Hobbs said. The Government and the industry will share 50/50 the collection and destruction costs. Ms Hobbs said consumers wanting to get rid of their old extinguishers could call a helpline (0800HALONHELP) about where they could be dropped off. Fire protection companies are also offering special prices on new fire extinguishers when the old ones are handed in. The surrendered halon extinguishers will be sent to Australia for destruction.

Article @: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/0,2106,2127368a11,00.html>

Source: Stuff.Co., New Zealand, 1 December 2002

3- Proceedings of The International Conference on Alternatives to Methyl Bromide

The International Conference on Alternatives to Methyl Bromide was attended by about 300 participants and was held 5-8 March 2002 in Sevilla, Spain. Drawing on the experiences of 72 experts from 26 developed and developing countries from around the world, this website contains the papers, case studies and poster-papers on alternatives to methyl bromide that were discussed in plenary and in workshops. They show that significant progress has been made in the phase out of methyl bromide for most of its uses in the European Community, but that further work is required to find alternatives for its remaining uses before its phase out for most of its uses in 2005. The conference proceedings are now available @: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/ozone/conference/>

Source: The European Commission

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<http://www.uneptie.org/ozonaction/compliance/ozonews/main.html>

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