

SUMMARY AND PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATIONS

A CALL TO ACTION

We, the Members of this Committee, have reached one overpowering conclusion—not just a consensus, but a unanimous opinion—that ozone depletion is a threat to the continuation of life on Earth.

In our view, the governments of the world must immediately declare themselves at war with all of those elements which are responsible for depletion of Earth's ozone, which at the same time contribute to global warming. These are:

- CFCs
- halons
- methyl chloroform and carbon tetrachloride
- HCFCs and HFCs.

Two major public policies will be essential to the world's future:

1. all ozone depleting substances must be eliminated from further use, worldwide; and
2. all such substances must be recovered and destroyed.

We realize that these policies cannot be completely implemented immediately but time is of the essence. In the interest of human survival, we call on governments, industries, labour movements, universities and scientific organizations around the world to initiate action at once which will fulfill these policies while time is still available to defeat this common threat.

In our recommendations we attempt to provide a framework for such action which seems reasonable and realistic in the circumstances of our world today.

These recommendations should be reviewed annually to determine if schedules and timetables can be advanced.

We dedicate these pages to concerned citizens, including teachers, students, scientists, policy-makers, business and labour people.

We, the Members of this Committee, invite their comments and suggestions on the content of this report.