



EFCTC position

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The European Fluorocarbons Technical Committee (EFCTC), a sector group of the European Chemical Industry Association (CEFIC), urges the governments meeting in Durban at COP-17 to take a decision at that meeting that promptly initiates discussions of appropriate measures to progressively control the consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) by the mechanism of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

HFCs meet vital societal needs through their use in refrigeration, air-conditioning, foam insulation and medical applications. It is essential that industries using HFCs are given early guidance as to their future continued use and to enable the research, development and adoption of appropriate alternatives, in particular to not lose their benefits such as energy efficiency and low toxicity and respecting industrial planning timescales.

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