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Thank you for your reply of 12 April to my letter of 6 April with a paper by officials on possible amendments to the Montreal Protocol.

I am pleased to see that on the basic principles as well as the specifics of Protocol revision there is very little between us. However, as the Prime Minister observed at the London Conference, we are dependent on industry's ability to develop the necessary new technologies and products. We have to be able to deliver what we are promising - otherwise, we risk undermining what we have achieved so far.

I am looking forward to the paper from the FCO/ODA on the important issue of assistance for developing countries. My officials have been consulting industry about what can be done through companies' direct involvement in developing countries, backed by Government support, where applicable.

Our officials have now met to discuss how to take things forward at EC level. I continue to believe that we should not rule out the possibility of subsequent diplomatic initiatives to put across any specific concerns we may have to



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key countries such as the USA. I suggest that our officials discuss this possibility further, following the meeting of the EC Management Committee on 21 April.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Geoffrey Howe, Nigel Lawson, George Younger, Kenneth Clarke, Christopher Patten and to Sir Robin Butler.

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