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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, 16 September 2008

I am honored to invite you to celebrate the 2008 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer on 16 September, the day that was proclaimed as such by the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1994.

The theme of this year's celebration is "**Montreal Protocol - Global partnership for global benefits,**" meant to celebrate the multifaceted approach pursued by the Parties in the implementation of the Protocol. In fact, to date, the Montreal Protocol has reduced ozone-depleting substances by over 95 percent, thereby protecting the ozone layer for this and future generations. The reductions achieved have also resulted in very large reductions of global warming gases, thereby contributing significantly to the protection of the global climate system.

The Secretariat is very appreciative of the great efforts done by the Parties to phase out ozone-depleting substances and their continued commitment to implement the Montreal Protocol, and we believe the encouraging results achieved by your Government, should also be shared with the public along with the essence of this year's theme.

I would also like to invite your Government to share with the Secretariat the events being planned for the celebrations of the 2008 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer in your country. We will disseminate this information through our popular website, ozone.unep.org as soon as we receive it.

Should you wish the Secretariat to assist you with some ideas, please contact us at our usual e-mail address ozoneinfo@unep.org

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Marco González
Executive Secretary
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