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Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you to celebrate the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer this year on 16 September. The theme of this year's celebration will be Save O<sub>3</sub>ur Sky: Ozone Friendly Planet, Our Target.

Parties worldwide have been making great efforts to phase out ozone-depleting substances and to renew their commitment to implement the Montreal Protocol by commemorating Ozone Day on 16 September each year since 1995. Innovative events have been organized to focus attention and action, as well as raise the awareness of the general public on the protection of the ozone layer. I thank the Parties for all their efforts and encourage them to continue such activities to save the ozone layer.

This month the Secretariat will post a web page on the International Ozone Day on the Ozone Secretariat website (<http://www.unep.org/ozone>) where you will be able to access information material to support your activities on the International Ozone Day. During the coming months we also plan to produce some new materials, such as new posters, which will also be placed on our website.

We look forward to your successful celebration of the International Ozone Day.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Marco González  
Executive Secretary  
Ozone Secretariat