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**Intervention by her excellence secretary of state for the environment,  
head of the Angolan delegation at the 34th meeting of the Parties to the  
Montreal Protocol (mop34)**

**HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT, NOVEMBER 3-4, 2022**

- Excellency Ms. Megumi Seki, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Program;
- Excellency Mr. Chair of the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol;
- Excellencies, Ministers, Heads of Delegations;
- Honorable Members of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol;
  
- Ladies and Gentlemen;

All Protocol Observed!

It is with great honor that the Republic of Angola participate in the Thirty-fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, which also marks the celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the Angolan Government, the President of the Republic Honorable, João Manuel Gonsalves Lourenço, and Her Excellency the Minister of the Environment Dr. Ana Paula Luna Chantre de

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Carvalho, that I represent at this very important Meeting, for the opportunity to take the floor, as well to congratulate the Ozone Secretariat and the Government of Canada for all the efforts in organizing this event.

We would like to start our intervention, recognizing the achievements of researchers Paul Jozef Crutzen, Mario José Molina and Frank Sherwood Rowland, winners of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1995, in favor of preserving the vital ozone layer, after the discovery of chlorinated gases (CFCs) that were at the origin of their deterioration.

The Republic of Angola has been a Signatory Party to the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol since May 17, 2000, as well as to the five Amendments to the Montreal Protocol, namely London, Copenhagen, Montreal, Beijing and recent Kigali Amendment.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Angola in compliance with the obligations of the Montreal Protocol, constituted the National Ozone Unit in 2001, to facilitate the implementation of obligation and recommendation of the protocol.

This Unit has got the technical assistance of UNEP and UNDP, with financial support from the Multilateral Fund.

The country developed the National Program for the Progressive Elimination of chlorofluorocarbons in 2003, which was successfully implemented until 2012, and subsequently developed and started the implementation of the National Program for the Elimination of HFCs in 2017, which is in its second phase of implementation, scheduled for completion in 2025.

To reinforce the implementation of these programs, in 2011, Presidential Decree nº.153/11 of 15 June was adopted and entered into force, which regulates the import, export or re-export of substances that destroy the Ozone Layer and equipment containing these substances.

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In 2018, the Joint Executive Decree nº 518/18 of December was adopted, which reinforces the licensing system and quotas for HFCs imports.

As part of the implementation of the National Program for the Progressive Elimination of Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Angola has carried out public awareness and information campaigns on the Montreal Protocol; Training of Technicians in Good Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Practices; Training of Technicians in Identification of Refrigerant Fluids; Assembly of Laboratories in Good Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Practices, as well as the Constituted Working Groups to Support the National Ozone Unit in the 18 provinces, with a view to better control the movement and updating of data on substances regulated by the Montreal Protocol.

Accordingly, the country presents a significant increase in number of trained technicians involved in the process, namely employees from the environment, customs, foreign trade, tax police, economic police and border guard, which has strengthened the implementation of Montreal Protocol in entire country.

Excellencies!

Following the dynamics of the Montreal Protocol, during these 35 years, which led the Parties to adopt its fifth (5th) Amendment in 2016, i.e. the Kigali Amendment, we can say the country has already fulfilled its duty to ratify the same in 2020.

Therefore, we are aware of some delays in establishing the licensing and quotas system for HFCs, but allow me to inform you that the Angolan Government, is engaged in dealing with those following up on environmental issues that are part of the priorities of the country's political agenda, and the issues of the Montreal Protocol are part of these.

At this moment, we are working in partnership with UNDP in collecting data for the updating of alternative substances to HFCs and equipment that use these substances, in order to finalize the preparation for submission and approval of the National Program for the Reduction of Hydro fluorocarbons (KIP) in 2023.

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Ladies and Gentlemen!

I conclude my speech by thanking once again the Ozone Secretariat and the Government of Canada for the excellent organization of the event which has provided a rich participation to all of us present, as well as reaffirm the commitment of the Angolan Government in the implementation of the recommendations of the Montreal Protocol for the recovery and preservation of the Ozone Layer.

Happy 35th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol to all of us!

I Thank you so much

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