

HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

**10th MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE VIENNA
CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER
AND
26th MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON
SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER**

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Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen

At the outset, allow me to first express our appreciation and thanks to the people and government of France, the Ozone Secretariat and UNESCO for the hospitality and excellent arrangement of this meeting.

Since becoming a party to the Montreal Protocol in 1993, Brunei Darussalam has done its utmost in ensuring that it is always in a state of compliance to phase out the ozone depleting substances (ODS).

The successful total phase-out of CFCs in 2010, the ratification of all the amendments to the Protocol i.e. the London Amendment, Copenhagen Amendment, Montreal Amendment and the Beijing Amendment in 2009, are testimony of Brunei Darussalam's commitment to play its role in the protection of the ozone layer.

To this end, Brunei Darussalam had undertaken the obligations and commitments to:

- Control and monitor the trade of ODS through the IPIC, and the introduction of licensing permits and quotas for imports and exports of ODS ;

- Strengthen the institutional set-up through the establishment of the National Ozone Unit and active participation in the regional network viz. the National Ozone Officers network in the Southeast Asia and the Pacific region ;
- Engage relevant stakeholders through transfer of technologies and capacity building of custom officers and local technicians, including awareness programmes on best refrigerant management practices ;
- and, implement projects like the National Country Programme and the preparation of the HPMP, that were made possible, and that we have greatly benefited through the assistance from the Multilateral Fund, to which we are indeed thankful.

Brunei Darussalam is committed to achieve the 10% reduction of HCFCs in 2015, and the 35% reduction in 2020 consecutively, based on the 2013 freeze level. We intend to achieve this through regulating the supply and demand of HCFCs use, with a strategic focus on the servicing sector i.e. specifically on the installation and servicing of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment. (RAC)

Like other Article 5 country parties, Brunei Darussalam, also share concern on the access and availability, and also the cost-effectiveness of alternatives to high GWP HFCs ; the safety and reliability aspects of its use in a local-ambient-temperature environment, in particular that of an equatorial climate like Brunei Darussalam ; and, also the best management practice and maintenance requirements, as Brunei Darussalam is embarking in the process of phasing out the HCFCs.

We see the work of the Technical and Economic Assessment Panel as instrumental in addressing the challenges for a more feasible and acceptable alternatives to HFCs – towards alternatives that are more energy efficient ; environmentally and climate friendly, with a low ODP and relatively low GWP ; safe ; technically proven ; and, commercially available for the various sectors.

To conclude, Brunei Darussalam would like to reaffirm its obligations and commitments to the Montreal Protocol by implementing projects and activities outlined in the HPMP. Brunei Darussalam looks forward to more years of productive and meaningful collaboration to protect the ozone layer.

Thank you for your attention.