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**Mr./Madam President,
Honourable Ministers,
Ladies and Gentlemen.**

On behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and on my own behalf, I would like to congratulate you Mr./Madam President and your Bureau for having been elected to preside over this important meeting. I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the Ozone Secretariat for organising this meeting and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand for hosting us and we highly appreciate the generous hospitality of the people of Thailand.

Mr./Madam President,

As we mark the 39 years of the Vienna Convention and 37 years of the Montreal Protocol, we proudly share the unique achievement of the Convention and the Protocol in this arena and over three decades of remarkable international cooperation to protect the ozone layer and the climate. Since the adoption of the Montreal Protocol, the ban of substances that deplete the ozone layer has greatly contributed in reducing global warming effectively helping to preserve the climate while combating hundreds of thousands of skin cancer cases and other health impacts.

The implementation of the Montreal Protocol over the past years has resulted in tremendous reductions in the production and consumption of ozone depleting chemicals indicating the Parties commitment to protect the ozone layer. In the global arena, the Montreal Protocol is considered to be a successful international cooperation between developing and developed countries through "shared but differentiated responsibility" in addressing the challenges of Ozone layer depletion.

Mr./Madam President,

Ozone layer depletion and climate change are major global environmental threats facing the World today. Climate change challenge is enlarged by the fact that some ozone depleting substances particularly hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) are potent greenhouse gases. The decision by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in 2007 to

accelerate the phase-out of HCFCs and adoption of the Kigali amendment in 2016 on phase down Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) reinforced its continuing role model and success amongst Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) through this historic advancement. In this context, Tanzania ratified the Kigali amendment on the 25th of March 2022.

Mr./Madam President,

Tanzania being Party to both the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol has worked closely with the Multilateral fund for implementation of Montreal Protocol; Ozone secretariat, Ozone Action Compliance Assistance Programme and UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) as implementing Agencies in implementing various programmes, projects and plans to meet its obligations under the convention and protocol. Examples of the projects are the Institutional strengthening projects such as capacity building and awareness creation for the implementation of Montreal Protocol and Enabling Activities for Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) Phase-down.

Furthermore, Tanzania has put in place Regulations for Control of Ozone Depleting Substances as enforcing mechanism to implement the Protocol; and being part of Regional Demonstration project on refrigerants containment and introduction of low global warming potential refrigerants.

Mr./Madam President,

As we mark achievements of the Protocol over three decades, including the adoption of the Kigali Amendment to the Protocol, it is of our opinion that new issues that Parties to the Montreal Protocol that need to pursue to ensure the Protocol's success in the coming years include: -

- (i) Continued capacity building and technical assistance to support Article 5 countries in implementation of the Kigali Amendment on Phasing Down of HFCs; and
- (ii) Providing training and strengthening national capacity on issues related to energy efficiency technologies and developing pilot projects and incentive programs to promote energy efficiency technologies and low Global Warming Potential alternatives.

I therefore encourage Parties to continue providing financial assistance for activities embarked on ensuring protection of ozone layer as these activities will enable achieving more success in the coming years.

Mr./Madam President,

It is an undeniable fact that, institutional strengthening support has played a critical role in facilitating Article 5 countries in meeting their obligations under the Protocol particularly phasing out of the ozone depleting substances (ODS). The concern of developing countries and particularly, African countries including Tanzania, is the need to ensure considerable technical and financial support is extended, in view of sustaining achievements attained by the Protocol. We therefore urge the Multilateral Fund to continue providing support to our institutions in implementing the provisions of the protocol.

Mr./Madam President, friends and colleagues,

Let us remind ourselves that we need to translate into action, the vision of this Convention to secure the future habitability of our planet. The future generations will judge us by whatever decisions we take today, therefore let us act responsibly.

I thank you for your attention