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deplete the Ozone Layer**

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President

Heads of Delegations

Colleagues

Warm greetings on behalf of the Government of Fiji. I would like to convey our most sincere appreciation to the Government of Ecuador for their warm hospitality and for hosting the 30th Meeting of the Parties. I also congratulate the Ozone Secretariat for the organisational excellence shown in managing this event.

Let me also congratulate all Parties for working hard and ensuring that the Montreal Protocol remains to be a successful environmental treaty. In light of that, we also extend our appreciation to the Ozone Secretariat, the Executive Committee, the Multilateral Fund and our implementing Agencies UNDP, UN Environment for partnering with Fiji to achieve the phase-out dates as scheduled under the Montreal Protocol.

As our work in getting the Kigali Amendment ratified progresses through a crucial legislative process, Fiji will continue to successfully phase down the HFCs. As a Small Island States, Fiji is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. As the UNFCCC current COP presidency, we strongly support and remain committed to any initiative that would help mitigate the negative impacts from actions that contribute to climate change. We believe and support immediate action towards emission reduction.

Fiji is fully committed (as it has been always) to its obligations under the Montreal Protocol since acceding to the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol in 1989.

For the Protocol's current targets on the phase- out of HCFC, Fiji continues to ensure that its HCFC consumption is within the consumption targets as per the HPMP schedule.

Fiji continues to encourage sustainable investment(s) and growth. We have witnessed a rapid growth in economy more so within the infrastructure segment. Majority of these investments do involve the need for Refrigeration and Air- conditioning. We value the guidance provided by the Montreal Protocol and the secretariat in continuing to build capacity of our Refrigeration & Air- conditioning sector. This will afford Fiji a smooth transition into environmentally safe alternative technologies that are both safe for ozone and the climate.

Fiji like most growing economies faces the task of establishing standards for newer technologies, with low global warming potential (GWP) and with consideration of energy efficient cooling and refrigeration options. We continue to work together with relevant agencies in ensuring that poor performing appliances are removed from our market in consideration to minimum energy performance, low GWP and promotion of efficient non ODS products.

Fiji will continue to strengthen its work within our government (including the Energy Department) and ensure a smooth transition towards new Ozone friendly technologies.

Fiji recognises the immense work that remains to be completed and in working together we can achieve outstanding environmental outcomes

I would like to reassure you of Fiji's commitment to fulfilling its obligations and will continue to engage with all relevant parties to find the smarter, and better solutions.

Thank you.