



STATEMENT BY MR. CHARLES SUNKULI, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT. DURING THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE TWENTY – EIGHT MEETING OF THE PARTIES (28 MOP) TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER, KIGALI, RWANDA, 13TH -14TH OCTOBER, 2016.

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

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate you as President of the Twenty – Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and wish to express on behalf of the Government of Kenya and my delegation special thanks to the Government of Rwanda for hosting the Twenty - Eighth Meeting of the Parties in Kigali and for its warm hospitality to my delegation

I would also like to thank the Ozone Secretariat for its excellent work in successfully organizing this meeting.

Mr. President,

Kenya has made considerable progress in phasing out Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) in most applications and adopting ozone friendly technologies. However, some of the technologies that have been adopted such as Hydro fluorocarbons (HFCs), though ozone-friendly, are causing negative impacts to the climate. High growth rates for HFCs will cause significant global warming. But, it is important to note that a fast phasedown of HFCs under the Montreal Protocol can prevent billions of tones of CO₂-equivalent emissions in the near-term.

Mr. President and Distinguished Delegates

Transitioning from HFCs can catalyze additional climate benefits through improvements in the energy efficiency of the refrigeration, air conditioning and other appliances not to forget the long term vision of stabilizing the temperatures to below the 2⁰C targets.

Mr. President, during the Twenty – Seventh Meeting of the Parties held in Dubai in 2015, Parties decided to work to an HFC Amendment in 2016 by first resolving challenges by generating solutions in the established contact group on the feasibility and ways of managing HFCs. The Contact Group has already come up with solutions to the identified challenges.

The solutions to the identified challenges have since been endorsed by the Third Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties held in Vienna, Austria in July 2016. Taking into account all this achievement by the Parties, the Kigali meeting taking place now is crucial and therefore, an ambitious phase down agreement in Kigali, would significantly contribute to achieving the climate goals set out in the Paris agreement.

Distinguished Delegates,

Kenya has put in place strategies that would assist in addressing issues of HCFCs and HFCs. As part of strategies to phase out HCFCs and HFCs with high global warming potentials, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, in collaboration with GIZ Proklima of the German Government with funding from the government of France, has trained a good number of

customs officers and approximately 400 refrigeration air conditioning (RAC) technicians on control measures of ODS imports and exports, safe use of hydrocarbons and other natural refrigerants, as substitutes to HFCs respectively.

In conclusion, **Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen**, I wish to express our strong commitment and support to the successful implementation of the HFCs phase down under the Montreal Protocol. Hence , Kenya fully supports Kigali Amendment and wish to urge all Parties to support it.

Thank you and God bless!