

FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE 35TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

Nairobi, 27 Oct 2023

Madam Executive Secretary,

Madam President of the Meeting of Parties,

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

On behalf of the Federative Republic of Brazil, I would like to thank the government of Kenya and the Ozone Secretariat for convening this High-Level session at the 35th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

As we come closer to the end of this session, it is important to take stock of progress while looking at the challenges ahead.

Even though the Montreal Protocol was signed in 1987, it might be one of the few agreements in which its implementation truly takes into account a key concept: sustainable development. Sustainable development along with a strong sense of purpose among Parties and a consistent spirit of international cooperation are elements that have been guiding us until this day. Our decisions consider not only their potential benefits to the environment but also how those benefits interact with society and our economies; one does not go without the other two. More than thirty-five years later, we can still acknowledge progress, not in spite of these considerations but because of this balanced approach.

Brazil remains committed to protecting the ozone layer through the Montreal Protocol and in line with sustainable development. Throughout the years, we have managed to translate these commitments into concrete and most of the times, early action. During phase II of our Hydrofluorocarbons Phase Out Management Plan (HPMP), which ends in 2024, we faced the challenge of reducing 51,6% of our baseline and we have successfully reduced, until now, almost 60% of HCFC consumption, a significantly higher percentage when compared to the proposed reduction figure, and we still have one more than year to go.

As early action is not possible without domestic engagement, Brazil strongly believes a constructive process that aligns internationally agreed instruments with economic and social circumstances is imperative. That is why we have recently launched public consultations for the third phase of our HPMP, which is expected to reduce 67.5% of the HCFC baseline, beginning in 2025. Given our current results, we will continue to work towards even more ambitious outcomes and hope to have even better news to present in this forum.

Your Excellencies,

Perhaps the most important reflection we, as Parties, may do during this Meeting relates to the future of the Montreal Protocol.

We are entering an unprecedented moment that requires unprecedented consideration of how sustainable development can be achieved through this process, as well as a renewed sense of purpose and an unshakable spirit of international cooperation.

After ratifying the Kigali Amendment last year, I am happy to announce that Brazil has finished its domestic internalization process, paving the way for compliance under the amendment. As countries begin to work on and present their Kigali Implementation Plans (KIP), we expect to have corresponding resources as has been the practice over the years. We cannot and will not accept to listen how increased ambition and the Kigali Amendment are important for climate action while lacking resources to implement sustainable phase-down activities.

Distinguished delegates,

We have been discussing for almost a week some of the issues that will have an impact on the future of the Montreal Protocol, such as the replenishment of the Multilateral Fund, energy efficiency, the Terms of reference for next quadrennial reports and many others. When we close this session later today, we hope to have decisions that honour our successful past and that better prepare us for the years to come.

Madam President,

Brazil would like to reassure you of our commitments to a successful outcome of MOP 35.

Thank you.