

The Somali Federal Republic National Statement:

Meeting of the Parties to the 35th Montreal Protocol – Nairobi, Kenya.

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- **The Minister of State – Ministry of Environment & Climate Change – Somalia**
- **The Head of Somalia Delegation**
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Madam President, excellencies, partners and distinguished participants.

I am honored to represent the Federal Republic of Somalia at this crucial meeting of parties for the Montreal Protocol. First, I would like to thank the government and the people of Kenya for the warm hospitality. I also wish to equally appreciate UNEP Ozone Secretariat for impeccably and diligently organizing this meeting.

Madam President, excellencies, partners and distinguished participants.

Somalia acknowledges the critical importance of this international agreement in safeguarding the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer, a vital shield that protects life on our planet from harmful ultraviolet radiation. My country is acutely aware of

the serious environmental and health consequences associated with the depletion of this ozone layer.

Somalia proudly announces its ratification of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol becoming the 90th country to ratify this agreement to phase down HFC refrigerants. This decisive step reflects our unwavering dedication to the global efforts to phase down the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and mitigate their negative impact on our climate.

Madam President,

Somalia is undeniably one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change. The challenges we face are formidable, ranging from intensified droughts and floods to escalating temperatures. These climatic shifts exacerbate existing vulnerabilities and jeopardize the livelihoods of our citizens. It is imperative that we take decisive, collective – I repeat, collective - action to mitigate these effects.

Madam President,

Somalia is diligently implementing measures to ensure the responsible management and controlled use of substances listed under the Montreal

Protocol. We are actively engaged in capacity-building initiatives, technology transfer programs, and knowledge-sharing endeavors aimed at fortifying our national capacities to address challenges related to ozone-depleting substances.

In the pursuit of our shared goals, Somalia calls upon the international community to foster partnerships, provide technical and financial support, and facilitate the transfer of environmentally sound technologies. By collectively strengthening our resolve and resources, we can further accelerate the transition towards cleaner, more sustainable alternatives.

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In conclusion, Somalia reiterates its commitment to the Montreal Protocol and the Kigali Amendment. We stand ready to work hand-in-hand with our international partners towards a future where our shared goals of ozone layer preservation and climate resilience are achieved.

I thank you for your time and attention.