In The Name of Allah, The Most Compassionate, The Most Gracious

Statement by the Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to MOP-38

Kigali, Rwanda

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Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Respected Chairs, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning/afternoon to you all.

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Government and people of the Republic of Rwanda for their warm hospitality and for hosting the 38th Meeting of the Parties—an event taking place in this magnificent setting, coinciding with the 10th anniversary of the Kigali Amendment. I also extend my deep appreciation to the organizers, including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Ozone Secretariat, and the Multilateral Fund (MLF), whose efforts have made this significant gathering happens.

Such conferences and meetings, organized and attended by the parties, provide opportunities to leverage the capacity of these successful international mechanisms, enabling an effective and comprehensive response to critical threats, such as the depletion of the ozone layer and climate change.

Ladies and gentlemen

The Islamic Republic of Iran remains, as always, a committed supporter of the Montreal Protocol—a treaty that stands as a prominent symbol of successful global cooperation in the environmental sphere. We highly value the significant progress achieved globally in the phase-out of ozone-depleting substances and the efforts being made to phase down HFCs. This success is entirely attributable to close cooperation among the parties, as well as the essential technical and financial support provided through the mechanisms of this Protocol and absolutely by its active and dedicated institutions.

Our proactive stance continues today, particularly in combating illegal trade. Through strong international partnerships, including our active engagement in IPIC (Informal Prior-Informed Consent), we closely and effectively monitor the cross-border movement of controlled substances, ensuring continued national compliance and regional action.

We have been also investing in building a sustainable and equitable domestic cooling sector and capacity building. I am pleased to inform you that last year we organized a nationwide training program for refrigeration and air conditioning (RAC) technicians and service providers more than 22000 person-hours. The main component of this initiative was a specific training for women technicians, who participated with enthusiasm to ensure our environmental transition and also substantial social benefits and women empowerment.

Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of my government, I would like to inform the MOP38 that the ratification of the Kigali Amendment is currently under final review in the Parliament. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran is working closely with our Parliament to finalize this process and hope to join the "Kigali family" after its adoption at the Parliament if the current situation of foreign aggression against our civilans and infrastructures allow, and such criminal attacks do not obstruct our effective measures in compliance with it.

We are also pleased to share that several major private enterprises have already upgraded their production lines to use natural alternatives, paving the way ahead of the formal implementation of the Kigali Amendment. Joining this important global family initiative will facilitate the accelerated phasing down of HFCs in line with world movement. Crucially, Iran is committed to ensuring that our HFC phase-down strategy is intrinsically linked to improving energy efficiency in the cooling sector. By adopting energy-efficient and climate-friendly alternatives, we aim to maximize the dual benefit of protecting the climate while simultaneously reducing national energy consumption and costs.

In conclusion, the Islamic Republic of Iran stands ready, as always, to expand international cooperation through the exchange of valuable experiences, conducting joint studies, and strengthening collaborative monitoring efforts. We look forward to a productive MOP38 and to working closely with Parties to secure the long-term health of our planet and achieving the theme of 2026, Global action for a cooler planet.

Thank you.

5 November 2026, Kigali