NATIONAL STATEMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA

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Mr President, distinguished delegates, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Federal Republic of Somalia, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the government and people of Rwanda for hosting this important meeting in Kigali, the city where the historic Kigali Amendment was adopted. As we mark ten (10) years since its adoption, we celebrate the achievements of the Montreal Protocol and reaffirm our collective responsibility to protect the ozone layer and address climate change.

Somalia also wishes to express its appreciation to the implementing agencies, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), for their continued cooperation and technical support in assisting the country to implement its obligations under the Montreal Protocol. Their partnership is important in strengthening our national capacity and translating Somalia's commitments into practical action.

Somalia remains firmly committed to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol and the implementation of the Kigali Amendment, which our country ratified in 2019. Through the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and our National Ozone Unit, we continue to strengthen national institutions, improve regulatory frameworks, and advance the responsible management of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).

In addition, Somalia reaffirms its commitment to protecting the ozone layer by phasing out ozone-depleting substances in accordance with the control measures and agreed phase-out schedules of the Montreal Protocol. We will continue strengthening our national measures to

prevent the import and use of controlled ODS, improve monitoring and enforcement, and support the transition to ozone-friendly alternatives.

Our national commitments include the implementation of Kigali Implementation Plan (KIP) Stage I, with a focus on strengthening HFC licensing and quota controls, improving customs enforcement, monitoring refrigerant markets, and building the capacity of refrigeration and air-conditioning technicians. These measures will help Somalia fulfil its HFC phase-down obligations while promoting safer refrigerant management and sustainable cooling practices.

Somalia is also advancing the ODS Banks Management and Action Plan, which focuses on identifying and assessing refrigerants contained in existing equipment, including recovered, unwanted, and end-of-life refrigerants. Through this initiative, we aim to improve national data, strengthen responsible refrigerant recovery and management, and explore environmentally sound options for reclamation and destruction, thereby preventing the release of harmful substances into the atmosphere.

Furthermore, Somalia is committed to promoting energy-efficient HC-290 (propane) monobloc units for commercial refrigeration through a Cooling as a Service business model. This approach has the potential to make efficient cooling more accessible to businesses by reducing upfront equipment costs and linking payments to the provision of cooling services. By encouraging the safe deployment of appropriate low-global-warming-potential technologies alongside improved energy efficiency, Somalia seeks to support sustainable businesses, reduce emissions, and contribute to the country's wider climate objectives. Appropriate safety standards, technician training, and sound installation and servicing practices will remain essential to this transition.

Mr President,

Somalia recognises that protecting the ozone layer requires sustained national action, effective regulation, responsible industry practices, and close cooperation among government institutions, the private sector, and local communities. We are determined to translate our international commitments into practical results that benefit our people while contributing to global environmental protection.

As we look towards the next decade of the Kigali Amendment, Somalia reaffirms its commitment to the full implementation of the Montreal Protocol, the responsible phase-down of HFCs, and the promotion of sustainable, energy-efficient cooling solutions.

Let us continue working together in the spirit of cooperation, shared responsibility, and determination that has made the Montreal Protocol a global success.

I thank you.