Thank you President,

Distinguished delegates, colleagues,

On behalf of the United Kingdom, I would like to thank the Government of Rwanda for hosting us this week and for the warm hospitality. I would also like to thank the Ozone Secretariat for its continued hard work and the organisation of the meeting.

The Montreal Protocol is one of the great success stories of international environmental cooperation. Through science and sustained commitment, we have proved that when the world acts together we can repair environmental damage and deliver global benefits.

The Kigali Amendment builds on that legacy, and it is particularly fitting that we mark its tenth anniversary here in Kigali.

The United Kingdom is proud to have ratified the Kigali Amendment and remains strongly committed to its implementation. The UK is currently well ahead of the Kigali Amendment schedule [, with the next step in our HFC phasedown due to be implemented from this January with a 76% cut compared to our baseline]. And we are committed to going even further. We have consulted on reforming our phasedown to achieve a near phaseout of new HFCs coming onto the market before 2050.

The transition to efficient, climate-friendly alternatives is already unlocking innovation. For example, last year, the UK approved the world's first low-carbon version of a chronic obstructive pulmonary disease inhaler, demonstrating how environmental ambition and economic opportunity can go hand in hand.

And our ambition must extend beyond HFCs. This week, the UK announced our endorsement of the global SF6 pledge, alongside the EU, reinforcing our commitment to tackling emissions from fluorinated greenhouse gases, recognising the significant climate impact of this highly potent greenhouse gas.

This tenth anniversary is a moment to celebrate, but it is also a moment to grow our ambition.

That means translating commitments into practical action, such as continuing to expand global atmospheric monitoring networks, building a better understanding of emissions so that we can work to reduce them, and supporting the transition to efficient and sustainable cooling. By sharing experience, mobilising partnerships and scaling successful approaches, we can ensure that the benefits of the Kigali Amendment are felt in every region.

As we mark 10 years since the adoption of the Kigali Amendment, we should be proud of what we have achieved together but we must also renew our commitment to the decade ahead.

The UK looks forward to working with all Parties to continue that spirit of international cooperation, ambition and science-led action into the decade ahead.

Thank you.