

**Statement of the Head of Delegation from Mauritius
High Level Segment of the 28th MOP to the Montreal Protocol,
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Mr President

Excellencies

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen

Let me first take this opportunity to congratulate you, Mr the President, on your nomination to chair this high level segment. Let me assure you of Mauritius's full co-operation and support in the deliberations ahead.

Mr President

On behalf of the Government of Mauritius, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the Government of Rwanda for hosting this international conference and their warm welcome. I would also like to thank the Ozone Secretariat for the excellent organization and arrangements for this meeting.

Mr President

I would like today to pay tribute to the legendary visions of those people who initiated actions for the Montreal Protocol. The findings of the assessment reports of the Panels presented earlier, confirm that tremendous progress has been achieved to protect the ozone layer. Damages to human health and ecosystem have been significantly minimized. The recovery of the ozone layer is indeed a giant

leap for humanity. This success would not have been possible without the active participation and firm commitment of all parties to the Montreal Protocol. I can only wish that the lessons learnt from the implementation of this highly successful Protocol, particularly in relation to the cooperation between member States, could be adopted to other Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

Mr President

I have noted with great satisfaction the openness exhibited during the various deliberations in the sessions of the past few days. Transparency has over the years become a trade-mark of many discussions and negotiations on matters pertaining to the protection of the ozone layer. Despite the specificities of each country, there have always been consensus to reach key decisions.

Mr President

Small Island Developing States are vulnerable to both the impacts of climate change and ozone layer depletion. Conscious of these facts, Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development are given top consideration in the Mauritian Government's agenda. As it had been the case for CFCs where Mauritius had a phase out five years before the target, we are also aiming at an early phase out of HCFCs by 2025. Measures taken under our HPMP to reach this target include review of our legislation, establishment of quota system, capacity building and sensitization of all key stakeholders.

I also wish to highlight that the survey on ODS alternatives for reporting to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat, is going, in order to determine consumption and trends of HFCs.

Mr President

Several issues on the agenda of this meeting have been discussed during the technical sessions, one of which relates to "*the proposed amendment of the Montreal Protocol to phase- down HFCs*". Progress on the issue in particular after Dubai Pathways, is much appreciated. We only hope that a consensus is reached in the shortest delay.

Before concluding allow me on behalf of the Government of Mauritius and also as member of the Africa Group and the Small Island Developing States, to sincerely thank the Multilateral Fund Secretariat, the Ozone Secretariat, UNEP, GIZ-Proklima and the donor countries for their continuous guidance and support in the implementation of the Montreal Protocol.

I seize this opportunity to thank all member states for their continued efforts to save our planet which goes with this year's International Ozone Day theme, "**Ozone and Climate: Restored by a World United**"

Thank you very much.

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