

**Country Statement of Myanmar to be presented by  
Ambassador Hau Khan Sum at the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties to  
the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer**

**Mr. President/ Mr. Chairman**

**Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- It is indeed, a great honor and privilege for me to deliver a country Statement of Myanmar.
- First of all, I also would like to join the previous speakers in expressing our deep appreciation to the Government of Canada and the Ozone Secretariat for the excellent arrangements made for this meeting, as well as for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to me and my delegation.

**Mr. President/ Mr. Chairman**

**Distinguished delegates,**

- As we are aware, the ozone layer plays a vital role in acting as Earth's protective shield that protects humans and the environment from harmful levels of ultraviolet radiation from the sun.
- In protecting the ozone layer, we wish to stress the importance of the Montreal Protocol, the landmark multilateral environmental agreement, in regulating the production and consumption of ozone depleting substances.
- In line with the theme of this year's World Ozone Day - **“Global Cooperation Protecting Life on Earth”**, I am sure we are on the same page with all parties acknowledging the important role of the Montreal Protocol in tackling climate change, cutting global warming and fostering closer collaboration and partnerships to better protect the earth for future generations.
- In this regard, we are encouraged by the significant developments and tangible results in the implementation of the Montreal Protocol which is wide ranging, ambitious, unique and unprecedented in nature.
- While sustaining these achievements, we need to further strengthen our collaboration, ensure the effective implementation of the Montreal

Protocol and redouble our collective efforts to achieve the target of the Montreal Protocol for a peaceful and sustainable future.

**Mr. President/ Mr. Chairman**

**Distinguished delegates,**

- I am happy to recall that Myanmar has acceded to “the Vienna Convention for the protection of the Ozone Layer” as well as “the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer” and four Amendments namely “the London Amendment”, “Copenhagen Amendment”, “Montreal Amendment” and “the Beijing Amendment”.
- At present, we are preparing to ratify the “Kigali Amendment” and phase down production and import of the Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) in close consultation with our line Ministries.
- Since 2013, Myanmar has implemented the project namely “HCFC phase-out Management Plan (HPMP)” which was formulated with the technical support of the UNEP and in close collaboration with our line Ministries and organizations concerned including CSOs.
- According to our HCFC Phase-Out Management Plan (HPMP), we are pleased to inform that HCFCs will be phased out in Myanmar by 2040.
- Being an agro-based country, Myanmar still needs to use Methyl Bromide for Quarantine Pre Shipment (QPS) to some extent due to the requirements of some importing countries.
- However, we are constantly monitoring and trying to control the use of Methyl Bromide as much as possible. We allow only the exception of a limited quantity for Quarantine Pre-shipment (QPS).
- As I mentioned before, Myanmar is in the process of ratifying “the Kigali Amendment” even though there are many challenges and steps to be taken to prepare for ratification and entry into force such as surveying consumption and production of HFCs, provision and amendment of laws related to the implementation of the Kigali Amendment.
- According to the briefing note for ratification of the Kigali Amendment, we understand that there are particular incentives from the Multilateral Fund (MLF) for “Article 5 parties” to ratify the Kigali Amendment.
- While appreciating the significant contribution made by parties to the Multilateral Fund, we look forward to receiving more technical and financial supports from the Multilateral Fund.

**Mr. President/ Mr. Chairman**

**Distinguished delegates,**

- Taking this opportunity, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for providing technical support and financial assistance to Myanmar.
- Allow me conclude my statement by reaffirming Myanmar's firm commitment to meet its obligation under the Montreal Protocol and its amendments.
- Myanmar will continue working closely with the Ozone Secretariat and all parties to achieve the goal of the Montreal Protocol.
- Thank you.

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