



Republic of Nauru

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Opening of the High Level Segment

Statement by

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**Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguish Delegates,
Ladies and Gentleman**

On behalf of the Republic of Nauru, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for inviting me to the Montreal Protocol. It is a privilege and honour to be part of this important meeting that we have come together as one to share views and support.

The Montreal Protocol Treaty had been very successful in addressing the issues of ozone depletion and global warming. It continues to be hailed as an example of exceptional international cooperation due to its widespread adoption and implementation. I can only wish that the lessons learnt from the implementation of this treaty, particularly in relation to the cooperation between member States could also be adapted to other treaties such as the Kyoto Protocol.

The Twenty fifth anniversary of the Montreal Protocol is indeed worthy of a great celebration.

Mr. President

The economy of Nauru is small, and very much dependant on industries that use ozone depleting substances such as phosphate mining and fishing. Therefore, the decision on Hydro Chlorofluorocarbons or HCFC's had been a difficult one to take. However, I wish to pledge support for the management plan for the phasing out of HCFC's.

My Government wishes to register its strong support for the inclusion of technology development and transfer; capacity development and institutional strengthening as an integral part of the accelerated phasing program of HCFC's.

Nauru, under its Custom Act now prohibits imports and exports of all CFC substances and Halon, except for essential use. It also restricts imports and exports of HCFC's to essential use. All importers and exporters will require a license to handle ozone depleting substances.

To date there has been no representation by Pacific Island Countries on this Committee. The Government of Nauru believes it is important that there should be a Pacific Island Country on the Committee so that there is an understanding of the unique challenges facing small island countries in the region.

Mr. President

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Ozone Secretariat and UNEP for the excellent work and support they have done to facilitate the implementation of this treaty.

And last but not least, we must bear in mind that the problem of climate change is still very much at hand, and we must do what we can to achieve and ensure a better future.

Thank you