

**Statement delivered by Secretary of the Ministry of Industry,  
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Gyawali, in the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the  
Ozone Layer, Montreal Canada**

**Mr. President,**

**Excellences,**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good Morning.**

At the outset, I would like to express my gratitude to the People and Government of Canada and UNEP Ozone Secretariat for warm hospitality and hosting this historic event to mark the MOP 34. I congratulate Mr. President on your election to President.

We are here in this city of Montreal to lookback what we have done for more than three decades since we all agreed on the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol for

healing the ozone layer for a better planet.

The Montreal Protocol gives us a clear mandate and roadmap to phase out the ozone depleting substances (ODS) by our common and maximum efforts. After the Montreal protocol, the world came together to work towards stopping and reversing the factors which were responsible for Ozone layer depletion.

I would like to underscore that Nepal had ratified Montreal Protocol in 1994 to implement the provisions of the Protocols. Nepal is also a signatory to various international treaties that are key milestones in controlling emissions that lead to Ozone depletion.

**Mr. President,**

Nepal remains firmly committed to the implementation of Montreal and related Agreements. Nepal has formed The National Ozone Unit (NOU) under its Nepal Bureau of Standards and Metrology(NBSM) under the Ministry of

Industry, Commerce and Supplies (MoICS). It has been designated as Montreal Protocol focal as per the approved Country Program. National Ozone Unit closely coordinates with the Customs Department on import-export matters relating to ODS and use of ODS.

Since Nepal ratified the Montreal Protocol, it has progressed notably in its efforts to phase-out the ODSs. The Government of Nepal formed the National Program Preparation Team (NPPT) in October 1996.

The NPPT prepared the Nepal Country Program for the Phasing Out of the Ozone Depleting Substances, which was approved by the Government in February 1999. The Government assigned the Nepal Bureau of Standard and Metrology (NBSM) as the implementing body.

**Mr. President,**

Nepal, through its National Ozone Unit (NOU), was able to achieve ODS phase-out ahead of schedule by putting in

various and crosscutting efforts. Likewise, the country Assessment Report (CAR) is being developed in the context of Nepal's Enabling Activities for the HFC phase-down project.

It covers all relevant aspects that will affect the implementation of the amendment, such as national institutional arrangement and partnerships, policy and regulations, review of the market situation in relation to ODS and their alternative technology use, capacity building of the servicing sector and awareness raising activities to relevant stakeholders.

It also assesses the gap between the current situation and future needs and proposes recommendations with an initial action plan to fill the gap.

To conclude, with all working together, the Ozone layer healing is underway and this Protocol is fundamentally

instrumental to control the negative impact and to create a better planet.

Let us continue, with more energy, to this noble work and join together for the future of our planet.

Mr. President, the decisions we make at MOP34 must do justice and make balance for the future generations and the Nature. The future of our planet depends on what we decide at this conference.

**I thank you.**