

**NATIONAL STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE  
AT THE 3<sup>RD</sup> EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE  
MONTREAL PROTOCOL**

**22 – 23 July 2016  
Vienna, Austria**

President, Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

I would like to express Singapore's appreciation for the warm hospitality extended to us by the Government of Austria, and to the Ozone Secretariat for organising this meeting.

2 Madam President, it is evident from the meetings this week that the issue on the management of HFCs within the Montreal Protocol has elicited diverse views. Nonetheless, Singapore is confident that substantive discussions, based on sound considerations and held in an open and transparent environment, can lead us to balanced and inclusive outcomes.

3 As a city-state with high urban density and hot humid temperatures, Singapore is committed to ensuring public safety and environmental sustainability in our policies and measures. As Party to the Montreal Protocol, we also stand ready to join global efforts in safeguarding the environment. In this context, we support the control of HFCs within the Montreal Protocol as a first step. However, technical viable alternatives to HFCs must be commercially available for any phase-down to commence.

4 In this regard, we encourage all Parties to continue working together to resolve the challenges as mandated by the Dubai Pathway. One possible solution, as shared by some delegations, is to ensure a conclusive review of alternative technologies that take into account the various national circumstances and constraints, such as dense city

environments like Singapore's. Another possible idea is to focus our attention and first control the HFCs with the highest global warming potential (GWP) measurements. As we also understand that some countries do not have sufficient data on HFCs consumption at this point of time, we encourage the establishment of a more robust tracking system so that Parties can make sound decisions on a HFCs phase-down plan. As such, it would be good for Parties to agree formally through a MOP decision that HFCs should be addressed with the necessary flexibility accorded.

5 Notwithstanding the existing challenges, Singapore's industries and market players have been closely monitoring the situation and are willing to introduce and use viable, low or non-GWP alternatives and technology whenever possible or available. We are also working towards refining our current regulations to take into consideration the latest technologies available and developments shared on the international front.

6 Madam President, let me conclude by saying that Singapore looks forward to a time when there will be technically and economically viable HFC alternatives with lower GWP and which are well-suited to the varying needs and circumstances of all the different Parties.

7 Thank you.