



*Statement of H.E. Dr. Khalid Fahmy –*

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*during the celebration of*

*the 30th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol*



*Ladies and gentlemen,*

*I would like to express my warm congratulations and appreciation to The Honorable Catherine McKenna (The Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Canada,) and to Dr. Tina Birmpili (The Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat).*

*It is my honor to point out that this year, Egypt has organized a series of national activities to celebrate World Ozone Day and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Montreal Protocol.*

*Egypt has paid great attention to protect the Ozone layer, participated in an effective way in the negotiations which led to signing Vienna Convention, and became the 7<sup>th</sup> country to sign Montreal Protocol, the first environmental convention that has achieved global ratification.*



*Egypt was also the founding member of the executive committee of the multilateral Fund for the Implementation of Montreal Protocol from 1990 to 1992.*

*Egypt has been one of the first Arab and African countries that implemented a successful and ambitious program to protect the environment and Ozone layer.*

*The Egyptian environmental strategy in the field of ozone layer protection aims to completely phase out the use of all ODS (substances that deplete the ozone layer). Egypt is also in the stage of preparation for phasing down HFC (Hydro- Fluoro-Carbons) in several sectors.*

*Egypt started the process for ratification of Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, this will create an opportunity and a sincere effort to improve the energy efficiency of cooling appliances and thereby prevent additional GHG (greenhouse gases ) emissions.*

*There is a great success achieved in reducing the risk of depletion of the ozone layer and this drives and motivates us to make more effort and cooperation to further the interest of all nations.*



*Thank you all for your continuous support in making this happen.*

