

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMEROON TO THE 27TH
MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON
SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER ,
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Mr. President,
Executive Secretary, Madam Tina Birmpill
Excellencies, Honorable Ministers and
Head of Delegations,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with immense humility and profound pleasure that I address this Honourable assembly on behalf of my country, The Republic of Cameroon.

Mr. President,

1) The Cameroon delegation congratulates you and the members of your bureau on your election to direct the affairs of this session. We wish you success and good health through out the deliberations.

2) We wish to add our voices to those preceding us in thanking our host, the Government and people of United Arab Emirates for their warm hospitality and to the Ozone Secretariat for their assistance and excellent arrangements in the organization of this meeting. We also take this opportunity to congratulate and recognize the efforts of the Vienna Convention as it celebrates its thirty years of existence and immense contribution to the advancement of our

understanding of the science of the ozone layer.

Mr. President,

3) Cameroon adheres to the principle of common but differentiated responsibility, and on this note Cameroon is actively committed in the implementation of Montreal Protocol activities. We have formulated and internalized appropriate policy instruments for the implementation of our licensing system on the control of import quotas of Ozone depleting substances, and equipment and appliances using ODS. By 1st January 2010, as required by the Montreal Protocol phase-out calendar, Cameroon totally phased out the consumption of CFCs , halons, methyl bromide in the post harvest sector and

the CTCs. These reductions have contributed significantly to the preservation of the ozone layer as well as in reducing global warming . These effects have been proven scientifically to also improve on the health of the global atmospheric regime.

Mr. President,

Honorable Delegates,

4) While total success has been recorded in the phase-out of CFCs and its equipments through the leadership of the Montreal Protocol, the Parties are currently faced with the task of phasing out of HCFCs and the possible new challenge which is that of amending the Montreal Protocol and the management of HFCs . In addressing HCFC management, Cameroon has undertaken the following actions; collected data on

HCFCs consumption in all sectors, developed a phase-out strategy, and currently working on HCFCs phase-out policy issues, development of guidelines for best practices in the air conditioning and refrigeration service sector, training of service technicians, government officials and as well as providing technical assistance in the foam sector. Significant progress has been achieved in the implementation of these activities and would continue to pursue them in the coming years. We do recognize our obligations as required by the Montreal Protocol and remain committed to maintain our compliance status.

Mr. President,

5) On a similar note, Cameroon has continued to undertake activities that engage the larger public through the promotion of public awareness activities,

such as the celebrations each year, of the International day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer. In addition, we have undertaken capacity building activities through the training of service technicians on best refrigeration practices and government officials (customs and environmental officers) on the control techniques of imports of ODS and ODS using equipment.

6) These achievements have been possible through the financial assistance of the Montreal Protocol, and its implementing agencies. For this we seize this opportunity to thank the international community, the Ozone Secretariat, the Multilateral Fund, UNIDO, and UNEP.

Mr. President,

7) Our country like most developing countries is faced with other challenges that may jeopardize their compliance status, these issues include ; illegal trade in ODS, high cost and non consistency in our markets of ODS alternatives, delays in the transfer of funds, difficulties in operating non ODS transferred technologies, need for continuous capacity building of the service sector technicians etc, These issues are real and pose a threat to sustainability of our compliance status.

Mr. President,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

8) Our delegation congratulates the parties for their interest in establishing a contact group. It is our hope that its

mandate will examine the issues that will lead to moving forward the process of elaborating an amendment to the Montreal Protocol and as well as to analyse the four proposals presented by the parties in managing HFCs taking into consideration the challenges involved.

On this note, Mr President, distinguished personalities, I wish to thank you all for your very kind attention.