

**NIGERIA'S STATEMENT AT THE HIGH LEVEL  
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Mr. President,

I bring you warm greetings from the President, His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari and the good people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. I wish to congratulate you and your team on behalf of the Government of Nigeria, on your election to run the affairs of this 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MP) on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. I commend the efforts of the President of the Bureau and the Ozone Secretariat for their able leadership and guidance during the past year. Also, I wish to congratulate the government of UAE for the successful hosting of this meeting at this fascinating city of Dubai.

Mr. President,

In the last three decades, the Vienna Convention and its Montreal Protocol have galvanized 198 nations to work together on phasing out Ozone-Depleting Substances(ODS), thus protecting the Ozone Layer for this generation and the future generations as well as contributing significantly to global efforts to address Climate Change.

Mr. President,

In achieving this great feat, the MP has not only demonstrated a genuine unity of purpose, true global partnership, spirit of participation and inclusiveness but the process has also enabled Article 5 (developing) countries to achieve high rates of

compliance. The MP has truly demonstrated how all countries of the world can come together to solve a common problem, using the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

Mr. President,

Nigeria is currently implementing its stage 1 Hydrochlorofluorocarbons Phase out Management Plan (HPMP) to phase out the use of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) for which we have completed the 4<sup>th</sup> Tranche. UNDP is the Lead Implementing Agency and UNIDO, the Cooperating Agency in the implementation of the HPMP which has the following main components:

- Upgrading of a System House for the Production of Methyl formate based Polyols as an alternative to HCFC-141b in the foam sector,
- Pilot Demonstration project for the production of Hydrocarbon (HC) Refrigerant for the Refrigeration Servicing Sector, and
- Commercial Refrigeration sector conversion to Methyl formate.

The HC pilot project is designed to demonstrate the feasibility of replacing the current use of HCFCs refrigerant in the Refrigeration and Air-conditioning (RAC) sector with the Hydrocarbon refrigerant based technology . The facility has successfully produced and bottled HydroCarbon Refrigerants namely Propane (R-290), Butane (R-600), Iso-Butane (R-600a) and their blends from locally available Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). The produced HydroCarbon refrigerants will be used as alternatives to HCFCs refrigerants, presently used in the Refrigeration & Airconditioning sector.



that all the concerns and issues raised by the Article 5 Parties during our very extensive discussions on this matter, will be adequately addressed.

In conclusion, Nigeria would like to reaffirm her commitment to the phase out of Ozone Depleting Substances and transition to Climate friendly alternatives. We would also urge all parties not to relent in their efforts in consolidating on the gains of protecting the ozone layer by continuing in the spirit of co-operation and collaboration that has brought us this far. At the national level, our government will continue to take decisive and appropriate actions to ensure our continued compliance with the provisions enshrined in the agreement signed for HCFC phaseout in Nigeria

Once again Mr. President, I congratulate you and wish you a successful tenure.

I thank you.