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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

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Dear Ozone Officers,

On 16 September we will collectively and individually celebrate the cornerstone event for the global Montreal Protocol community: International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

This official United Nations commemorative day, proclaimed by all our Governments at the General Assembly, marks the day in 1987 on which the Montreal Protocol was signed. This "birthday" is a cause for celebration, and also an opportunity to mobilize support for meeting the challenges that lies ahead. We at the UNEP's OzonAction Programme are pleased to help you with your Ozone Day celebrations.

For many of you, this is the most important event in the year for engaging the public's attention in the work of your National Ozone Unit, the ozone protection policies that touch the general public, and the various implementation activities that emanate from your Country Programme and national ODS phase out strategies.

Your Government should have already received Ozone Day correspondence from our colleagues in the Ozone Secretariat, which included presentation of this year's theme: **Protect the Ozone Layer, Save Life on Earth.**

In support of that theme, we at OzonAction would like to suggest that you consider activities on that day related to ensuring the **long-term sustainability** of the good work being done in your country to protect the ozone layer. Our common goal is to have ozone protection actions, activities and behavior become accepted and adopted as "regular practice" by the public, industry, NGOs, government agencies and others. Try to think "outside of the box" on how this could be achieved:

- Organise thematic meetings, round tables, workshops with other relevant Ministries so that the objectives of the Montreal Protocol are mainstreamed in their Ministries as well.
- Devise events to introduce ozone protection issues into the agendas of other institutions, agencies, and organisations.
- Engage the private sector dealing with ODS phase-out in a dialogue about long-term support for public awareness activities related to ozone protection.
- Organise awards for the private sector enterprises that have done exceptional work for the ODS phase-out.

The OzonAction Programme would like to provide you with a first concrete suggestion along these lines: **promote the long-term sustainability of the Montreal Protocol by getting ozone protection introduced in primary school curricula.** If ozone protection is regularly taught in schools as part of science or health subjects, the children will become permanent messengers informing their parents about ozone issues. They will also have the knowledge necessary to protect themselves from the health effects of UV radiation, which will remain a public health threat until mid-century at least. We are pleased to be able to provide you with the necessary tool: the enclosed copy of our new **OzonAction Education Pack**, developed as part of UNEP's Work Programme under the Multilateral Fund. The Pack includes A Guide for Primary School Teachers, Ozone Map, Ozzy Calendar, Who Knows? Cards and UV Meter. The Pack provides primary school teachers with the information and materials needed to incorporate ozone protection into school curricula. It has been developed in partnership between the UNEP OzonAction Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

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We suggest three activities related to the Education Pack on Ozone Day:

- You should arrange for a **meeting with your country's Ministry of Education** (or equivalent body) and develop an action plan for how the Education Pack will be incorporated into school curricula.
- In your Ozone Unit's Ozone Day **press release**, as well as in interviews with the press on or around 16 September, you should specifically mention your Ministry's cooperation with the Ministry of Education (or equivalent) on incorporating ozone protection into primary school curricula by using the Education Pack.
- If your Ozone Unit or anyone else wishes to **translate** the Education Pack into a national language, please contact our Programme. We will gladly provide the necessary desktop publishing files needed to produce other language versions.

We will distribute this pack through the following networks: UNESCO Associate School Network, UNEP Eco-schools, WHO Intersun partners and Environment Online: A Global Virtual School for Sustainable Development (<http://eno.joensuu.fi/>).

If you need other ideas about how to celebrate Ozone Day this year, we suggest that you visit our website ([www.unep.fr/ozonaction/events/ozoneday/](http://www.unep.fr/ozonaction/events/ozoneday/)) where you will find additional information and descriptions of how other countries celebrated in 2005 and earlier years.

**You may take inspiration from the ideas of fellow Ozone Officers and/or this example from Finnish television, where children reporters talk about Ozzy Ozone and interview prominent personalities. A similar short programme produced with children of your country could be broadcast on national television on 16 September 2006.**

We also encourage you to use our existing Ozzy Ozone materials; namely radio spots, tv spots, animated video and comic book "*Ozzy Ozone: Defender of Our Planet*" for raising awareness of the public at large. If you would like to receive the above materials, please contact Ms. Mugure Kibe Ursulet (email: [mugure.ursulet@unep.fr](mailto:mugure.ursulet@unep.fr), tel: +331 44371463 or fax: +331 44371474).

We would appreciate receiving a description of your planned activities for this event and/or send us copies of activity reports/material so that we post them up on the website.

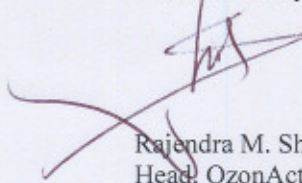
If you require assistance in preparation for Ozone Day, please do not hesitate to contact us or contact your respective Compliance Assistance Programme regional teams.

Remember that the work to protect the ozone layer is not yet over and that to Save Life on Earth, we need to step up our efforts.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*With best wishes for Ozone Day!*

Yours sincerely



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