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Dear Professor Zerefos,

I wish to congratulate you on your excellent contribution to the scientific and technical reports that earned the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize shared with Al Gore.

The Nobel citation for the IPCC praises two decades of scientific reports that have "created an ever-broader informed consensus about the connection between human activities and global warming."

Outstanding work relating to stratospheric ozone depletion and climate change have earned three Nobel Prizes. The first is the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry awarded to Paul Crutzen, Mario Molina and F. Sherwood Rowland for the science of ozone formation and decomposition that warned CFCs destroy the ozone layer. The second is the 2007 Nobel Prize in Chemistry awarded to Gerhard Ertl for his studies of chemical processes on solid surfaces, which was instrumental in the scientific proof that CFCs caused the Antarctic Ozone Hole, and you are part of the team that has earned the third award, the Nobel Peace Prize, shared with Al Gore.

The Montreal Protocol is linked by institutions, individuals and actions to the IPCC. UNEP and WMO established the IPCC as UNEP is the umbrella for the Montreal Protocol. The individual linkage is that you and other members of the Protocol Assessment Panel contributed to the IPCC reports. The action linkage is that by 2010, the Montreal Protocol, in addition to succeeding brilliantly in its primary aim of phasing out ozone-depleting substances, will have contributed simultaneously to the mitigation of climate change.

With deep appreciation.

Yours sincerely,

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