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INFORMATION NOTE

25th Anniversary of the signing ceremony of the Montreal Protocol and 20th Anniversary of UNIDO as an implementing agency of the Montreal Protocol

On behalf of the Director-General, I am pleased to invite Permanent Missions to attend the opening ceremony on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the signing ceremony of the Montreal Protocol and the 20th Anniversary of UNIDO as an implementing agency. The event is scheduled to take place on:

**Monday, 10 September 2012, 2.00 p.m.
in the Rotunda of the Vienna International Centre**

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was agreed to on 16 September 1987 and entered into force on 1 January 1989. The principal aim of the Montreal Protocol is to control total global production and consumption of ozone depleting substances, with the ultimate objective of reducing their abundance in the atmosphere, and thereby protect the earth's ozone layer.

Since 1992, UNIDO has been one of the four implementing agencies of the Multilateral Fund, the financial mechanism for the implementation of the Montreal Protocol. As such, UNIDO has played a key role in supporting developing countries in their efforts to phase out ozone depleting substances and replace them with sustainable alternatives. The provisional programme of the ceremony is attached.

To celebrate these milestones, the opening ceremony will feature an address by the Director-General of UNIDO. The Minister of Environment of Austria, the Executive Directors of other Vienna-based multilateral organizations as well as the Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat will also be invited to attend the ceremony.

In order to obtain additional information on the event and to confirm attendance, please contact Mr. Sidi Menad Si Ahmed, Director of the UNIDO Montreal Protocol Branch, (telephone: (01) 26026-3821 or e-mail: s.si-ahmed@unido.org).

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Permanent Missions

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Venue:

Vienna International Centre
Ground Floor, Building C

Provisional programme:

14:00 Address by the Director-General of UNIDO and opening ceremony of the dual celebrations

14:15 Inauguration by the Minister of Environment of Austria (tbc) of an exhibition of drawings on ozone layer, prepared by school children from four schools based in Vienna

14:25 Speech by guest of honour, Mr. Marco Gonzalez, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat

14:35 Distribution of gifts to the children who have contributed to the exhibition with their drawings

14:50 Cocktail reception