

PRESS RELEASE ON THE INTERNATIONAL OZONE DAY BY MINISTER MEHMET OZHASEKI

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer signed by 197 states is considered as the most successful environmental treaty up to today which also was the initialness of the global efforts to overcome environmental issues.

Turkey ratified Vienna Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer and Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 1991 and has adopted all its follow-on amendments. Ministry of Environment and Urbanization is the main enforcement body of the Protocol. Turkey is considered as successful party of the Protocol regarding implementing commitments under the Montreal Protocol.

Our country has shared the efforts of all countries that party to the Protocol and sign under successful works within participation of all related sectors. Concern successful works are also has an important contribution to global efforts on struggling climate change. Every year on September 16th International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is celebrating with several events on all around the world. The theme of this year's Ozone Day is determined as "Ozone and Climate: Restored by a World United: Working Towards Global Warming HFCs under the Montreal Protocol."

United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) has presented The Regional Ozone Network for Europe and Central Asia's Ozone Layer Protection Medal of Honor for Turkey's efforts in preserving the ozone layer under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer as we received same medal in years 2012 and 2016. Turkey has successfully fulfill its obligations as a party the Protocol and also will continue to protect the environment in line with current decisions and developments taking into account the national interests of our country to work for a brighter future while protecting our world.