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**Rome Declaration on the contribution of the Montreal Protocol to  
a sustainable cold chain to reduce food losses**

*We, the ministers and heads of delegation of the Parties [...] to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer*

*Considering* the discussions at the Round Table opening the high-level segment of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, which has a prominent role in reducing food losses;

*Recalling* that about one-third of all food produced globally for human consumption is either lost or wasted with severe impacts on farmers' income, precious resources such as land, water and energy and which generates greenhouse gases;

*Reaffirming* the cooperation among Parties in the implementation of the Montreal Protocol and *recognizing* that the Montreal Protocol, and its Kigali Amendment, have raised awareness of the need to develop sustainable and efficient solutions in the refrigeration and air-conditioning sector to meet future cooling demand, including cold chain initiatives for food preservation;

*Aware* of the key role of the cold chain for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to, inter alia, ending hunger and poverty, food security, improved nutrition, climate action, sustainable agriculture and fisheries, health and well-being;

*Stress* the importance of pursuing national action and international cooperation to promote the development of the cold chain including using sustainable and environmentally friendly refrigeration to reduce food loss;

*Underscore* the multiple benefits of promoting the exchange of information on the contribution of the cold chain to the SDGs, and *encourage* the ongoing work of the Montreal Protocol to this end;

*Call* for strengthening cooperation and coordination between governments, the institutions of the Montreal Protocol, the specialized agencies of the United Nations, existing private and public initiatives and all relevant stakeholders to exchange knowledge and promote innovation of energy efficient solutions and technologies that reduce the use of substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol in the development of the cold chain, thereby contributing to the reduction of food loss and waste.

*Rome, 7-8 November 2019*