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AIR POLLUTION / ATMOSPHERE

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR STATEMENT

- We consider that there is also a need to call for voluntary actions by sectors and activities that are not included in the emission reduction commitments, for example to promote carbon reduction oriented activities such as Clean air trips.
- Along with the threat that sandstorms represent, it is also important as established by the G77, to mention volcanic eruptions which cause health problems and damage crops among other things.
- In addition to enforce control over illegal trade in ozone depleting substances as mentioned in the text, a clear reference to reduce such substances and improve access by developing countries to affordable, safe and environmentally sound technologies to phase them out is needed.
- Strengthen the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, in order to assist developing countries in phasing out ozone depleting substances.
- Besides strengthening vehicle inspections procedures and improve maintenance, there is also a need to better regulate the matter, including import-export controls, in order to avoid “exporting the problems” to developing countries: exporting outdated technologies that do not accomplish current standards and exporting residues and thus transferring the cost of final disposal.