

## Attachment 8: Presentation on Implementation of Malé Declaration in Nepal

*Mr. Chairman*

*Distinguished Participants*

*Ladies and Gentlemen*

*First of all I would like to extend my wholehearted appreciation to the Government of Iran and UNEP for organizing this meeting. The deliberation and views presented here, I believe, will be extremely valuable in the process of planning and decision making for this aspect.*

*Air pollution is being increasingly recognized as a serious problem in Nepal, and with a view to dealing with this problem, various efforts have been undertaken. These efforts are expected to result in positive change in minimizing air pollution. 3-wheeler diesel tempo has been banned in the Valley. Instead of this the Government has made provision to import petrol microbus, which meets euro-1 standards. New registration of 3-wheeler diesel tempo has also been banned. Substantial addition of battery charged and LPG3-wheelers has been introduced to fill the gap to meet the public transport demand. It has been made mandatory to the pollution prone industries would be given only after ensuring that they have no adverse impact on the environment. Industrial pollution control regulations have been drafted and EIA guidelines for industry sector and environment and risk assessment guidelines have been prepared.*

*Our serious concern on depletion of the ozone layer prevails at the national and regional levels. We do understand that the developed nations are the real actors in the Protection of Ozone Layer as well as our guide to lead us to the extent we are capable of. In Nepal, we have a National Committee constituted to formulate relevant policies, programmes and regulations. We have undertaken consumption survey of Ozone Depleting Substance (ODS) aiming at phasing out of the ODS as well as introducing and promoting Ozone Friendly Substances within the limit of our resources and existing capacity. Recently, we have initiated the process of trans-boundary air quality measurement with assistance from UNEP.*

*I am happy to mention to this meeting that the Phase I project of the Male declaration have been concluded with the baseline study of Air Pollution and formulation of Action plan. We have already started the Phase II project which envisages in fulfilling the needs indicated by Phase I and providing basic air pollution data for analysis. We will be in the situation to provide data hopefully in next 2-3 months.*

*Finally I would like to thank you all for your patience and attention.*