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Excellency,

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I am honoured to invite you to celebrate the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer on 16 September 2009, a very special event. The theme for this year's celebration is **"Universal participation: Ozone protection unifies the world"**.

The essence of this year's theme – the world uniting around one environmental cause, the protection of the ozone layer – should be shared with the public at large; therefore, I would encourage your Government to celebrate this day publicly and to share with us the events planned in your country. We will once again disseminate this information through our website, accessible either through <http://ozone.unep.org> or <http://www.unep.ch/ozone>, as soon as we receive it.

This theme is intended to celebrate the fact that the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol are the most widely ratified multilateral environmental agreements to date. I very much appreciate the contributions of all stakeholders to the achievement of this milestone. On this occasion, it is my pleasure to acknowledge the enormous support received from government representatives worldwide, in particular their national ozone officers, the dedicated colleagues in the various United Nations agencies and members of academic institutions, industry and civil society, all working together towards the protection of the ozone layer.

Should you wish the Secretariat to assist you with some ideas or to provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at our usual e-mail address: ozoneinfo@unep.org.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Marco González
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