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PRIME MINISTER

THE PRIME MINISTER PERSONAL MESSAG. 11 April 1989

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Dear Prime Minister,

I was most grateful for your letter of 1 March about the Saving the Ozone Layer Conference and for your good wishes. I am sorry that domestic matters in Norway prevented you from attending but your letter was copied to all delegations, who were appreciative of your support.

The Conference was very useful and well received. All the participants in the Conference were concerned about the destruction of the ozone layer and accepted the need for international co-operation to limit this damage. Twenty countries indicated at the Conference that they hoped to sign the Montreal Protocol soon, and a further fourteen indicated that they would give serious consideration to doing so.

As your letter stressed, scientific studies since the 1987 Montreal Protocol have shown that the depletion of the ozone layer is greater than had been at first thought. This was fully brought out at the Conference in the addresses given by a number of eminent scientists. The United Kingdom, together with the other members of the European Community, is committed to an 85 per cent reduction in the use of CFCs as soon as possible with a view to a total phase-out before the end of the century. We were encouraged at the Conference by the genuine political will to take concerted action and by the high degree of interest taken by developing nations.

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I am sure you will join with me in keeping up the momentum in the developed world towards abandoning ozone depleting chemicals, and in encouraging and helping the developing nations to avoid their use. The first opportunity to do this will be the Helsinki meeting of the Montreal Protocol, at the beginning of May. We are encouraging all countries to participate - both Parties and non-Parties. We believe it is highly desirable to get everyone involved in the Montreal process and to build on the political awareness which was so evident at the London Conference.

After Helsinki, we shall turn our attention to the second meeting of the Montreal Protocol Parties, in London in April 1990, at which the review of the control provisions will be completed. I do not under-estimate the task which will face us at that meeting. But I look forward to working with you over the next year to ensure the right decisions emerge from the review.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Her Excellency Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland

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7 April 1989

Dear Charles

Ozone Layer Conference

The Norwegian Prime Minister, Mrs Brundtland, wrote to the Prime Minister just before the Saving the Ozone Layer Conference. We arranged to circulate her message to all participants in the Conference.

We also had it in mind to provide you with a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send once the Conference was over. But this was to some extent overtaken by our response to the Rocard Initiative. We included a mention of Mrs Brundtland's message in the draft letter to her about The Hague meeting which I sent you on 9 March. In the event I gather that this did not issue.

With preparations for the Helsinki meeting of the Montreal Protocol in May very much in mind, we still consider it appropriate for the Prime Minister to send a substantive reply to Mrs Brundtland's message. The UK will again be in the lead in Helsinki in keeping up the momentum generated by the London Conference. I enclose a suggested draft.

Yours ever

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