

The Success Story and Sustainability of the Ozone Layer Recovery

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ABSTRACT Discovering that the ozone layer was depleting, a concerted international intervention has proven to produce success because the report from the United Nations is to the effect that the ozone layer is recovering. History was made when the news broke that the ozone layer which was considered to be depleted as a result of human release and emissions of harmful chemicals and substances has started healing and that it has rebound. This news is quiet encouraging and it is an indication that the cooperation and joint agreement of the world community has resulted in solving environmental problems threatening the planet earth and human existence. While the success and the gains made are applauded, the international community is admonished not be complacent; but should be more vigilant and persistent in their efforts so that the gains made thus far might not diminish. Therefore, the gains must be sustained in all aspects. More importantly, it is pertinent to point out that while sustaining the gains, it must not produce another environmental problem. It should rather be sustained and strengthened and could be used as a reference point in solving other environmental threats and challenges confronting the earth and human beings. This paper looks at the issues surrounding ozone depletion, the interventions made by the international community to solve the problem and the need to sustain the gains and success made thus far.