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Global Fluorocarbon Producers Forum (GFPF¹) comments on UNEP graph “HFC emissions for selected countries”

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The Global Fluorocarbon Producers' Forum (GFPF) would like to comment on the graph representing “HFC emissions for selected countries” published on the following website:

<http://maps.grida.no/go/graphic/hfc-emissions-for-selected-countries>.

The graphic representation of UNFCCC data does not take into account the HFCs emissions of developing countries (including China), giving the incorrect impression that all emissions are from developed countries only.

Emissions in 2007 are compared to 1990 baseline, without taking into account that HFCs were largely introduced as replacement for Ozone Depletion Substances (ODS) only in the second half of the 90's.

More important, the graph does not take into account the decline in ODS (CFCs and HCFCs) due to the introduction of HFCs. The replacement of large quantities of high GWP (Global Warming Potential) CFCs by much lower quantities of lower GWP HFCs, has led to a substantial decline of the aggregated emissions and of the global climate change impact, as it is shown by the graph in Figure 1, extracted from the *IPCC/TEAP Special Report “Safeguarding the Ozone Layer and the Global Climate System”*.

GFPF is a strong supporter of responsible use principles that seek to reduce emissions of HFCs while ensuring that their benefits in terms of safety and energy efficiency are fully realized.

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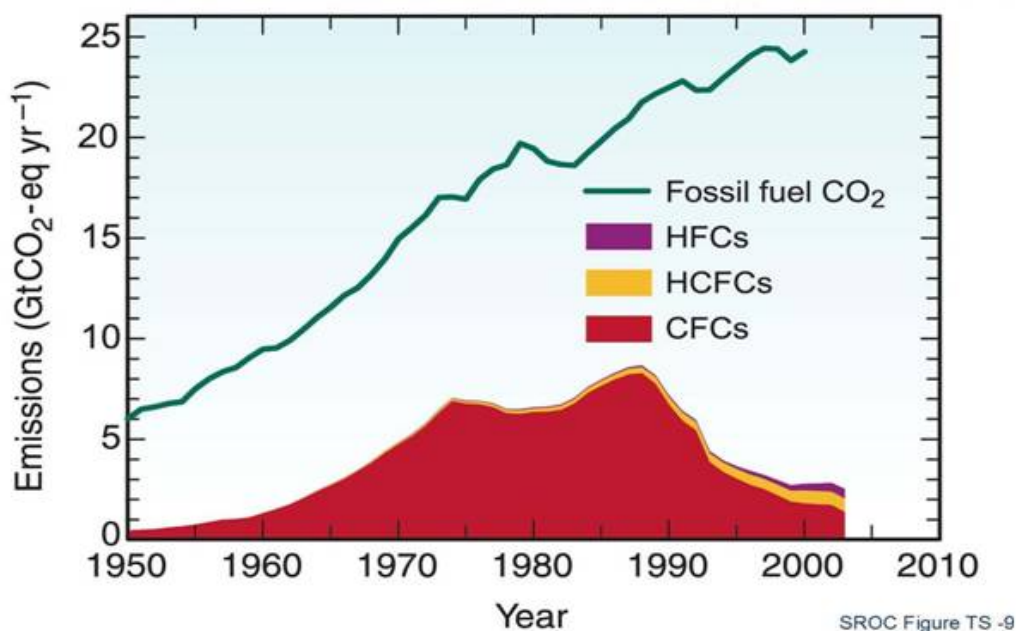


Figure 1 Historic GWP-weighted Emissions of CFCs, HCFCs and HFCs relative to Fossil Fuel CO₂
 (reproduced from the Special Report on Ozone and Climate)

GFPF asks UNEP to complete the graph showing also the emissions from developing countries and to reconsider the baseline taking 1995 as the most relevant date for any comparison.

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Note to Editors

[IPCC](#) is the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, established by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme. Its role is to assess the scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant for the understanding of the risk of human-induced climate change.

[TEAP](#) is the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel established by UNEP, providing technical information on the way to eliminate Ozone Depleting Substances.

