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The tone of "Preserving the Ozone Layer" leads Greenpeace to conclude that the Government of Canada has failed to grasp the breadth and scope of the global environmental crisis.

The Government of Canada has taken a "no pain" approach to a crisis which will result in too little being done too late. There is not the luxury of time to ensure the profits of the chlorine industry over the survival of the earth.

The products produced with CFCs are not essential and can be replaced with other technologies and methods. The public of Canada demands the government put public health and protection of the environment ahead of commercial concerns.

Greenpeace urges the Government of Canada to take a more proactive role in protecting the ozone layer both domestically and internationally. The evidence that the Montreal Protocol underestimated the impact of the depletion of the ozone layer is growing daily. The time has come to take decisive action on behalf of future generations.

The earth can no longer afford the cost of a slow phaseout of CFC production and use.

The Government of Canada must immediately ban the production of CFCs and halons and limit their use to an extremely few exceptions for life-saving applications.

The Government of Canada must immediately increase its commitment to preserving the ozone layer by substantially expanding the resources it devotes to eliminating ozone depletion and expanding its enforcement capability.

The Government of Canada must immediately establish national regulations requiring recovery and recycling of CFC refrigerants in all applications until new technology replaces them.

The Government of Canada must immediately establish a national recycling program and not leave it up to municipalities or other governments to operate as indicated in "Preserving the Ozone Layer".