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ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE

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PREAMBLE

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Chile (Chile):

CONVINCED of the importance of the conservation, protection and enhancement of the environment in their territories and the essential role of cooperation in these areas in achieving sustainable development for the well-being of present and future generations;

REAFFIRMING the sovereign right of States to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental and development policies and their responsibility to ensure that activities within their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage to the environment of other States or of areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction;

RECOGNIZING the global nature of the environment;

ACKNOWLEDGING the growing economic and social links between them, including the *Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA)*;

RECALLING that Canada and Chile share a commitment to pursue policies which promote sustainable development, and that sound environmental management is an essential element of sustainable development;

RECONFIRMING the importance of the environmental goals and objectives of the CCFTA, including enhanced levels of environmental protection;

EMPHASIZING the importance of public participation in conserving, protecting and enhancing the environment;

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