

**AGREEMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
BETWEEN
CANADA
AND
THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN**

CANADA and THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties":

NOTING their resolve to establish a free trade area in a manner that is consistent with environmental protection and conservation, enhance and enforce environmental laws and regulations, and strengthen their cooperation on environmental matters, and to promote sustainable development;

CONVINCED of the importance of the conservation, protection and enhancement of the environment in their territories for the well-being of present and future generations;

ACKNOWLEDGING that it is inappropriate to relax environmental laws in order to encourage trade and investment;

REAFFIRMING the *Rio Declaration on Environment and Development*, the *Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development*, and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals;

ACKNOWLEDGING the growing economic, environmental and social links between their countries through the establishment of a free trade area;

RECOGNIZING the importance of encouraging voluntary practices of corporate social responsibility within their territories or jurisdictions, to ensure coherence between environment and economic objectives;

AFFIRMING the Parties' objective to pursue policies that promote sustainable development and sound environmental management and the need for mutually reinforcing trade and environmental policies;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of transparency and public participation in the development of environmental laws and policies and with respect to environmental governance;