

AGREEMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**BETWEEN****CANADA****AND****THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA****PREAMBLE**

CANADA and THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA ("Panama"), hereinafter referred to as "the Parties":

NOTING their resolve to enter into the *Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the Republic of Panama* ("Canada-Panama FTA") in a manner that is consistent with environmental protection and conservation;

NOTING FURTHER their resolve to enhance and enforce environmental laws and regulations, strengthen their cooperation on environmental matters, and promote sustainable development;

CONVINCED of the importance of the conservation, protection and enhancement of the environment in their territories;

AFFIRMING the *Rio Declaration on Environment and Development* of 1992, the *Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development*, and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals;

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