

**AGREEMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
BETWEEN
CANADA
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA**

CANADA and **THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA**, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

RECALLING their resolve in the *Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the Republic of Colombia* to implement that Agreement in a manner consistent with environmental protection and conservation, and sustainable use of their resources, and within that area to:

- (a) enhance and enforce environmental laws and regulations;
- (b) strengthen cooperation on environmental matters; and
- (c) promote sustainable development;

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

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

RECALLING the Parties' commitment to pursue policies that promote sustainable development and sound environmental management; and

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

AGREE AS FOLLOWS: