

INTERVENTION ON ENTRY INTO FORCE

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN,

CANADA STRONGLY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF A DOUBLE TRIGGER.

HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO THE NUMBER OF GIGATONNES REQUIRED BEFORE THE KYOTO PROTOCOL ENTERS IN FORCE WE ARE VERY CONCERNED WITH THE CURRENT TEXT, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THREE GIGATONNES TO BE THE SECOND TRIGGER.

WE ARE OF THE VIEW THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL REQUIRES AN HIGHER THRESHOLD. THE PARTIES TO THIS NEGOTIATION SHOULD ESTABLISH A THRESHOLD THAT FULLY REFLECTS THE GLOBAL NATURE OF CLIMATE CHANGE. IN OUR VIEW THIS SHOULD BE A FIVE GIGATONNE THRESHOLD.

THEREFORE, MR. CHAIRMAN, CANADA IS CONVINCED THAT THE OPTION OF FIVE GIGATONNES SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE OPTION OF THREE GIGATONNES IN PARAGRAPH 1.

THUS THE REVISED TEXT WOULD READ:

"THIS PROTOCOL SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE NINETIETH DAY AFTER THE DATE OF DEPOSIT OF THE FIFTIETH INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL OR ACCESSION, PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS FOR 1990 OF THE PARTIES WHICH HAVE DEPOSITED THEIR INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL OR ACCESSION, AS INDICATED IN THEIR MOST RECENT NATIONAL COMMUNICATION SUBMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF THE CONVENTION, BY THAT TIME REPRESENT NO LESS THAT ~~[THREE]~~~~[FIVE]~~ GIGATONNES OF CARBON."

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.