

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION**

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as the Parties);

RECOGNIZING the global character of major environmental problems;

BELIEVING that environmental cooperation between States at both the national and international levels is of mutual benefit;

REAFFIRMING the common interest of all countries to pursue policies aimed at sustainable development, as set forth at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro;

ACKNOWLEDGING the desirability and mutual benefit of continued and strengthened relations between the two States in the area of environmental cooperation;

Have reached the following agreement:

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall maintain and enhance bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental matters on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE II

The Parties agree that the areas of cooperation may include the following:

- a) atmospheric environmental issues, including climate change and its impacts, atmospheric ozone and air pollution, meteorology and climatology;
- b) protection of the marine and fresh water environments and related biological resources;
- c) prevention of ground water and surface water contamination;
- d) environmental problems related to agriculture;
- e) conservation of ecosystems, including establishment of nature reserves, and protection of habitat and rare flora and fauna;
- f) waste management and disposal and life cycle management of toxic chemicals;
- g) environmental technologies;
- h) environmental monitoring and environmental quality assessment methods;
- i) environmental emergency response;
- j) interrelationship between environment and economics;
- k) environmental impact assessment and post-project analysis;