

energy resources and the location of many of our coal reserves far from population centres, coal has not accounted for a significant proportion of our energy supply, nor is it likely to in many regions of the country, at least in any foreseeable future.

- The Canadian Government in adhering to this Decision does not thereby commit Canada to any specific course of action on the part of the governments of the Canadian Provinces. Each Province has its role to play in this area under our constitutional system, and several have already articulated comprehensive coal policies. Canada's concurrence in the Governing Board's adoption of this coal document thus does not mean that the policies of the individual Provinces will necessarily conform to the coal policy principles contained herein.
- Canada accepts that there is an obligation on the Federal Government to consult with the Canadian Provinces and endeavour to obtain a consensus on the adoption by Provinces of any policy or measure called for in Section II or the Annex of