

AGREEMENT
ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
CANADA
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS

PREAMBLE

CANADA AND THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS (“Honduras”), hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,

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

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 in achieving sustainable development for the well-being of present and future generations;

AFFIRMING the sovereign right of States to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental and development policies and their responsibility to ensure that activities within their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage to the environment of other States or areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction;

FURTHER AFFIRMING the *Rio Declaration on Environment and Development* of 1992, the *Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development* of 2002 and *Johannesburg Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development* of 2002;

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

RECALLING that Canada and Honduras share a commitment to pursue policies that promote sustainable development, and that sound environmental management is an essential element of sustainable development;

NOTING the existence of differences in their respective natural endowments, climatic and geographical conditions, and technological, financial, and infrastructural capabilities;