

Canada has played it's part in insuring that the 3 other gases be in the protocol and we encourage them to keep on doing so at COP 3.

WTO

Another issue which is of great concern, further more because Canada supports it, is that of explicitly submitting the protocol to WTO rules. Despite the fact that art. 20 of the WTO allows for environmental exceptions, there has been NO environmental cause ever won under this article and it could undermine everything we have work to accomplish over the last 7 years.

We believe that an agreement in Kyoto is still possible but countries will have to let go of their own self interest, in particular Annex 1 countries who share the historical responsibility of climate change.

We still believe, now more than ever, that an early target of 2005 is necessary both to protect the climate and to send the appropriate signals to various industry sectors. This is also necessary if we want to get developing countries on board as soon as possible, since it is highly unlikely that a country like China will agree, even on a voluntary basis, to further commitment in Kyoto. Most Annex 1 countries, including Canada, have yet to prove they are serious about this issue and must also agree to reduction measures before 2010.