

**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;