



Important background information

### **Canada's Kyoto Commitment:**

Canada is required, under the Kyoto Protocol, to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 6% below 1990 levels during the 2008-2012 period. To honour its Kyoto commitment Canada must immediately recommit to making genuine best efforts to meet the target, and accept the penalties for any shortfall in reaching it.

### **Canada's Climate Action Plan** must include:

- a price on greenhouse gas pollution, applied broadly in the economy, of at least \$30/tonne by 2009, rising to at least \$75/tonne by 2020;
- a cap and trade system for Canadian industry whereby the government caps the greenhouse gas emissions permitted in a given year and then ratchets that cap down over time, toward our target.;
- world-leading regulations and effective investments to cut greenhouse gas pollution from vehicles, buildings and other significant emissions sources;
- regulations for vehicles to meet or exceed California's clean car standard;
- measures to ensure a massive scale up of energy conservation and use of all low-impact renewable energy options in Canada;
- effective measures to minimize climate change impacts on Canadian citizens;
- urgent measures to minimize impacts of climate change on biodiversity, including large-scale protection of natural ecosystems;
- a guarantee that Canada will provide its fair share of funding to help poor countries fight global warming
- annual, independent audits of Canada's progress towards its greenhouse gas targets so the Plan can be strengthened if needed
- a commitment to provide full information about emissions, caps, trading, and other actions to reduce greenhouse gas pollution for Canadian citizens.