

**DECLARATION OF QUÉBEC
RESPECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
KYOTO PROTOCOL IN CANADA**

The Québec Government, its citizens, business community, industries, environmental groups, unions and their representatives intend to contribute their fair share to a strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Canada.

We are in favour of implementing such a strategy in a manner that respects the constitutional jurisdictions and responsibilities specific to the province of Québec.

We consider that the development and implementation of a domestic emission permit trading system is a key element to the strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Canada.

We denounce the emission permit allocation system put forth in the current plan, as unjustly favouring those segments of the Canadian energy industry that generate the highest emission levels, at the expense of the manufacturing sector, and that this formula does not take into account previously-consented reduction efforts.

In consequence thereof,

Québec is asking that the allocation formula take into account reductions achieved since 1990 and those to be achieved by 2008.

Québec is asking that the manufacturing sector be treated fairly and not be equated with the energy sector when allocating emission rights, in order to establish a balance between the efforts required from these two economic activities.

Québec is asking that the allocation formula affecting the energy sector favour energy sources with lower carbon emission levels.

Lastly, Québec is asking the Federal Government to negotiate a bilateral funding agreement with the Québec Government, focused particularly on targeted measures, and the implementation of the strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.