



**Speech for**

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**Bonjour.**

**Good (morning/afternoon) and thank you to our Qatari hosts.**

**I am proud to be here representing Canada in these important negotiations towards a new, more effective, international climate change agreement.**

**As an Arctic nation, we profoundly understand the impacts of climate change. But we are not alone. Canada recognizes the impacts that climate change is having, and will continue to have, on countries around the world.**

**Le gouvernement du Canada s'est engagé à collaborer avec ses partenaires afin de trouver des solutions mondiales au problème international des changements climatiques. En fait, le Canada agit sur tous les fronts – national, continental et international – afin d'atténuer les effets des changements climatiques.**

***The Government of Canada is committed to working with our partners to find global solutions to the global climate change problem. In fact, Canada is taking action on all fronts—domestic, continental and international—to address the challenges of climate change.***

**Domestically, we are implementing a sector-by-sector regulatory approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to meet our United Nations commitments under the Copenhagen Accord—a 17 percent reduction in emissions from 2005 levels by 2020.**

**Through this approach, we have already taken action on two of Canada's largest sources of emissions—transportation and electricity. The final regulations for coal fired electricity plants that we announced this past September make Canada the first country in the world to effectively ban the construction of traditional coal plants. Our efforts will achieve real environmental and health benefits for all Canadians.**

**Canada's transportation regulations similarly will generate tremendous benefits—for the environment, for consumers and for the economy. We are also moving forward to develop regulations for the remaining major sources of emissions in our country, including oil and gas.**

**Canada is halfway to achieving our national effort to meet our Copenhagen target. The combined efforts to date of federal, provincial and territorial governments, of consumers and of businesses will generate half the greenhouse gas reduction required to meet Canada's greenhouse gas target by 2020.**

**Canada's environmental success flows from real and pragmatic action. We have a practical, effective approach that takes into account the environmental and economic realities that we face. This will ensure that our efforts are balanced and truly sustainable for Canadians. And it will continue to produce results—results of which we are proud.**

**Sur la scène internationale, le Canada reconnaît l'importance de financer la lutte contre les changements climatiques afin d'atteindre les objectifs mondiaux en matière d'atténuation et d'adaptation.**

***Internationally, Canada recognizes the importance of climate financing to meeting global mitigation and adaptation goals.***

**We are doing our part. We are also supporting international action that will strengthen the capacity of countries that are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. And to achieve this, climate financing is playing an important role in meeting global mitigation and adaptation goals.**



**Canada has committed \$1.2 billion in fast-start financing. This is Canada's largest ever contribution to support international efforts to address climate change and we are focused on ensuring these funds are put to work effectively in developing countries.**

**Canada's support primarily focuses on three broad areas: adaptation by the poorest and most vulnerable countries; clean energy; and forests and agriculture.**

**To maximize the impact of our contribution, Canada has structured its fast-start financing investments in a way that encourages private investment and innovation. This will be a critical component of longer term climate change financing. The success we are seeing with our Canadian investments will yield key lessons for the global community.**

**Canada was also proud to help launch a new multinational initiative—The Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants. This initiative has the potential to dramatically assist short term climate goals as well as improve the health of millions of citizens around the world.**

**Canada is also active in other initiatives including the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, the Global Methane Initiative, and the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves. We are also working under the Arctic Council to address both the mitigation of—and adaptation to—climate change, and looks forward to continuing that work as Canada assumes the chair of the Arctic Council in 2013.**

**Au nom du gouvernement du Canada, je tiens à réitérer notre soutien à l'élaboration d'un nouveau traité international unique qui réunira tous les grands émetteurs, qui sera juste et efficace sur le plan de l'environnement et qui sera mis en œuvre d'ici 2020.**

***On behalf of the Government of Canada, I want to re-iterate our support for a single new international treaty that includes all major emitters, that is both fair and environmentally effective, to be implemented by 2020.***

**We stand behind an approach that truly reflects current global realities and one that effectively captures the full range of countries' capabilities and responsibilities now and in the future.**

**Merci.**

**Thank you.**