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International Climate Science Coalition Supports Canada's Decision to Formally Withdraw from the Kyoto Protocol

Other Nations should follow Canada's lead and withdraw from flawed treaty before the end of 2011

Ottawa, Canada, December 13, 2011: "The Canadian Government's decision to formally withdraw from the Kyoto Protocol is an important victory for common sense and one we hope all Canadians will applaud," said Tom Harris, executive director of ICSC which is headquartered in Ottawa, Canada. "The Protocol is based on an incorrect interpretation of the science of climate change and should never have been ratified by Canada, or any other country."

ICSC chief science advisor, Professor Bob Carter of James Cook University in Queensland, Australia agrees, "By quitting Kyoto, the Canadian Government has set an important example for other nations to follow. Instead of focusing our energies on futile attempts to control the planet's climate, we need to prepare for inevitable climate change—warming and cooling, drought and flood, etc.—so as to reduce many of the very real and tragic consequences that often accompany natural climate variability."

Dr. Tim Ball, ICSC science advisor and former climatology professor at the University of Winnipeg explains, "The Kyoto Protocol and all other flawed agreements to control climate originate with the reports of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). But the "Climategate" e-mails revealed that the scientists leading the IPCC corrupted the process by suppressing the very strong scientific evidence that humanity's influence on global climate is insignificant. Both the IPCC and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change—the agreement that constitutes the foundation of Kyoto, Durban, and the Cancun Agreements—should be immediately disbanded. They have perpetrated the greatest hoax in the history of modern science."

The agreements reached in Durban specify that "social and economic development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing countries."

"This makes sense, of course, but it effectively gives developing nations an out clause that developed nations do not have," Mr. Harris warns. "Any future UN climate agreement based on Durban may therefore not be materially different to the skewed approach of Kyoto where most of the world is not held to any limits at all. The government made a mistake in agreeing to this and should consequently rescind their support."

Professor Carter concludes, "These traps could be avoided if more governments followed the example of Czech Republic President Vaclav Klaus, and simply recognized the truth about climate change, which is that the science is immensely complex and that much controversy remains about even its most basic fundamentals. In such circumstances, expensive and ineffectual greenhouse gas reduction agreements are not only premature, but also an irresponsible waste of money."

The ICSC is a non-partisan group of scientists, economists and energy and policy experts who are working to promote better understanding of climate science and related policy worldwide. We aim to help create an environment in which a more rational, open discussion about climate issues emerges, thereby moving the debate away from implementation of costly and ineffectual "climate control" measures. Instead, ICSC encourages effective planning for, and adaptation to, inevitable natural climate variability, and continuing scientific research into the causes and impacts of climate change.

ICSC also focuses on publicizing the repercussions of misguided plans to "solve the climate crisis". This includes, but is not limited to, "carbon" sequestration as well as the dangerous impacts of attempts to replace conventional energy supplies with wind turbines, solar power, most biofuels and other ineffective and expensive energy sources.

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