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## Quebec is mobilizing to save Kyoto

Montreal, Sunday, June 4, 2006 – On the eve of World Environment Day, the *Sauvons Kyoto* Coalition called on all of Quebec to mobilize to save the Kyoto Protocol.

“For over a decade now, the international scientific community has been telling us about the urgent need to combat climate change before it is too late. It is now one minute to midnight. We are here today to disassociate ourselves from the anti-Kyoto position of the Stephen Harper government because we believe that, in Quebec, the objectives are attainable and that there is a consensus. We are thus extending a hand to the various political parties, ecological groups, community groups and the business community to form a common front on this fundamental issue,” declared Parti Québécois Leader André Boisclair.

The Leader of the Bloc Québécois, Gilles Duceppe, and the Director of Greenpeace Québec, Steven Guilbault, took part in this press conference with the Leader of the Parti Québécois.

Gilles Duceppe, who has long called for the “polluter pays” principle to be applied in this matter, had this to say: “Whether it is for the future of coming generations in Quebec and the world or to preserve the environment, we will make the fight against greenhouse gases a central issue in the months to come. We are going to demonstrate that the Harper government is completely out of step with public opinion in Quebec on the question of reducing greenhouse gases. Our objective is to have the federal government reverse its decision and honour the objectives of Kyoto.”

“While we were in Bonn to negotiate the second phase of Kyoto, we could see that the international community was bowled over by the attitude of the Canadian government under Mr. Harper. I think that Quebecers’ support was decisive when the time came to ratify the Kyoto Protocol and I am convinced that Quebec can make the difference again if it mobilizes and demonstrates clearly that, here in Quebec, we strongly support Kyoto. I urge all Quebecers, and anyone else who is interested, to join this coalition, because together we can make the difference,” added Steven Guilbault, the Director of Greenpeace Québec.

## A petition to save Kyoto

As an initiative in support of the Kyoto Protocol, the Coalition has launched an Internet site and a petition on the theme *Sauvons Kyoto* [Let's save Kyoto]

A number of personalities from the political, union, environmental, university, cultural and business spheres have already indicated their intention to sign this petition: Pierre Curzi, of the Union des artistes, singer Kevin Parent, Henri Massé and René Roy, of the FTQ, Claudette Carbonneau, of the CSN, François Vaudreuil, of the CSD, Guy Boulanger, of the CEIU, and François Saillant, of FRAPRU, Carole Du Sault, a Montreal City Councillor, Marie-Josée Gagnon and Isabelle Poulin, of CASACOM, academics Louise Vandelac, of the Institute of Environmental Sciences (UQAM), Michel Seymour, Jean-François Thuot and Gérald Larose, to name but a few.

By signing the petition available at [www.sauvonskyoto.org](http://www.sauvonskyoto.org), all Quebecers can demonstrate their opposition to Stephen Harper government's decisions not to respect the objectives of the Kyoto Protocol and not to transfer to the government of Quebec the funds to allow it to set up its own reduction plan.

The Coalition's Internet site also invites the people of Quebec to sport the *Sauvons Kyoto green ribbon* as a sign they support this operation, which will continue until the end of the summer recess.

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