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CONSULTATION REPORT FORM

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Title of Consultation:

Carbon Markets: The Role and Profile of International Market Mechanisms in a Post-2012 Regime

Date(s) held:

May 19, 2009

Location:

Delta, Montreal

Delegate Name and Affiliation: Sheila Cole, EHANS

Number of ENGO Delegates at Consultation:13.....

What was the purpose of the consultation?

To bring together civil society representatives for a knowledge exchange on the design of the post 2012 climate regime. The government of Canada provided perspectives on emerging negotiating positions on the lead-up to Copenhagen.

What were the outcomes of the consultation?

The outcomes included an in-depth briefing on the national and international state of the subject and an opportunity for increasing knowledge and exchanging views.

Michael Martin was given major input from the ENGO community. There was no indication as to what would happen with this information. To date, no minutes/notes have been circulated.

Documents were not sent in advance. This left us insufficiently briefed going into the meeting and scrambling to refer to the documents while the meeting took place. This is not acceptable. I had requested documentation in advance and was assured they would be coming in the week preceding the meeting.

Canada is putting forward the stance that the CDM should be technologically neutral. What are the implications of this stance for Canada?

Health did not come up for discussion.

What are the implications of the outcomes of the consultation?

The morning session was informative and engaging. It was particularly helpful to have Henry Derwent of the IETA presenting his knowledge and insights.

The briefing from Michael Martin was sterile and aloof, leaving one to wonder if our input was actually heard and whether our concerns will be incorporated into Canadian government planning.

Notes would be helpful here in order to track the outcome of the inputs.

Groundwork was laid for greater ENGO input at upcoming meetings which is important because we did not have sufficient time and opportunity to grapple with the many policy challenges.

Canadian clean energy is underfunded.

What does “Technologically Neutral” (CDM) mean to Canada and to developing countries? (Mr. Martin indicated this is the direction Canada needs to be going)

Health is heavily impacted by climate change. This subject should be included at the next two meetings.

What action, in your opinion, should be taken by the ENGO community in the aftermath of this consultation?

ENGOS could ask for a response from Michael Martin’s office regarding our input.

Minutes/notes should be circulated to track that input.

The next meetings should include some hands-on working sessions, perhaps involving policy design and action plans with attention to competitiveness and fairness. How do we make it work in our favour in a cost-effective manner?

With cap and trade, Canada needs a simple system, a set of goals, to act quickly and we need to clearly define this and articulate policies before the Copenhagen meeting. What tools will we need to accomplish our goals?

Next meeting should discuss Canada’s role in technology transfer within the CDM.

ENGOS need one or two calls to debrief from the main meeting and strategize for the August meeting. The larger groups (like the David Suzuki Foundation and Greenpeace) are doing excellent work on climate change. How can we help to move their agenda’s more squarely into Canada’s plans leading up to Copenhagen?

Put health on the agenda for the next two meetings.