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Daniel Turp Denounces Canada's Withdrawal From Kyoto

Says It Violates the Principles of Democracy, Rule of Law and Separation of State Powers

Montreal, January 13th, 2012 – A notice of application for judicial review was filed in the Federal Court of Canada today to contest the legality of Canada's withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol. This legal action was launched by law professor Daniel Turp of the Université de Montréal.

The Federal Court is being asked to declare that Canada's withdrawal is in violation of the Kyoto Implementation Act. The court is also being asked to declare that the withdrawal contravenes the principle of democracy, the rule of law and the separation of the executive power of the state from its legislative power.

André Belisle, president of the Association québécoise de la lutte contre la pollution atmosphérique (AQLPA) was also present at the Federal Court today. Professor Turp said: "I am happy that the AQLPA has agreed to support this legal action. It's an organization known for high-quality work and the firm convictions of its directors. I look forward with pleasure to working with the AQLPA and other environmental protection groups that will join forces to defend the Kyoto Protocol."

Professor Turp also called on all citizens and groups concerned with issues of justice and democracy to join the legal action. Close to 4,000 Quebecers have already signed a symbolic Kyoto Protocol. It is now available to everyone to sign on the Facebook page of Équipe Kyoto (<http://www.facebook.com/equipekyoto>) as a way to voice their disapproval of the position taken by the Canadian government.

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