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Équiterre Supports the Formation of a Coalition Government

Poznan, December 2, 2008 – Today, Steven Guilbeault, Équiterre's Deputy Executive Director, announced the organization's position on Canada's current political crisis.

"We have always made our positions very clear on the economy, the environment, climate change, social justice and energy development.

And we know the positions of the political parties in the House of Commons on these issues.

We are currently at the United Nations, where the world's representatives are discussing how the fight against climate change can help us resolve the world's economic crisis. Last week, the Government of Canada made its vision known, notably that the environment is second to the economy. This position is opposite to that of Barak Obama's United States and Gordon Brown's Europe. Both of these leaders see turning to alternative energies, investing in green infrastructures and developing environmental technologies as essential avenues to resolving the economic crisis and launching the 21st Century.

In the current context, Équiterre believes it is time to make room for another vision. This week's political agreement between the three opposition parties clearly sets out a vision of the economic, social and environmental issues that our organization supports. Investments in mass transit and renewable energies, help to families and workers, and the fight against climate change are at the very core of our work and of our vision for Québec and Canada.

As a result, we are in favour of the constitution of a coalition government."

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