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**U.S. and EU Win 1st Fossils in Cancun, Canada Takes Wins 2nd Place Again**

Cancun, Mexico – The United States earned the 1st place Fossil of the Day, and its first Fossil of the United Nations climate negotiations here, for trying to hide mention of pollution reduction targets it is not on track to meet, not just for itself, but for all developed countries. Canada won its fifth Fossil, and second 2nd place Fossil, for literally inventing anti-coal regulation it does not have. The European Union, with a 3rd place Fossil and its first in Cancun, received the award for doing nothing to address excess allowed emissions and then using that excess as a reason for not wanting to continue the Kyoto Protocol. Canada remains the leading recipient of Fossils in Cancun.

The Fossils as presented read:

"The European Union wins the 3rd place Fossil. For not engaging on specific tabled solutions dealing with the AAU surplus (hot air), which threatens the environmental integrity of the Kyoto protocol while at the same time using the lack of environmental integrity as a condition to sign on to a second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol. Europe, get your act together!"

“Canada wins the 2nd place Fossil. It must be wonderful to live in the magical world of Canada’s Environment Minister. In that enchanted land, a press release is the same as a law, and ‘polluting for up to 45 more years’ means the same thing as ‘banning dirty coal.’

Tragically, the rest of us are stuck with reality. And in reality, it’s a problem to tell your Parliament and your media that you’ve published regulations to ban coal when you’ve done nothing of the kind.

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FOSSIL OF THE DAY AWARD

Media Release

For that little vacation from the truth, Canada takes home yet another Fossil of the Day.

"The United States wins the 1st place Fossil. After more than a week of relative silence, the U.S.A. roared back to life in a most unfortunate way this morning. It opposed reference to aggregate pollution reduction targets for developed countries of 25-40% from 1990 levels by 2020 in the 1.b.i. drafting group. Just because the U.S. is not on track to make these necessary cuts is no excuse for obscuring the fact that it and other developed countries need to get there. For trying to hide the obvious, the U.S. wins the first place Fossil."

About CAN: The Climate Action Network is a worldwide network of roughly 500 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) working to promote government and individual action to limit human-induced climate change to ecologically sustainable levels. www.climatenetwork.org

About the fossils: The Fossil of the Day awards were first presented at the climate talks in 1999 in Bonn, initiated by the German NGO Forum. During United Nations climate change negotiations (www.unfccc.int), members of the Climate Action Network (CAN), vote for countries judged to have done their 'best' to block progress in the negotiations in the last days of talks.

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