The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

Prime Minister of Canada

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Subject: Taking Action on Climate Change

Dear Prime Minister:

In June 2018, your government will host the G7 Summit in Charlevoix. Among the topics being prioritized is climate change, with a particular focus on the health of the oceans.

In 2015, the G7 affirmed the following in its final declaration: urgent and strong action is needed to address climate change. In addition, the G7 specifically stated: *We emphasize that deep cuts in global greenhouse gas emissions are required with a decarbonisation of the global economy over the course of this century.*

In September 2016, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) published a scientific report on the negative impacts of global warming on the oceans. The planet’s water absorbs 93% of the extra heat, which is damaging our oceans.

As is stated in your government policies on Climate Change and Human Rights: “Climate change can exacerbate existing situations of poverty and fragility or create new vulnerabilities in otherwise stable situations, particularly for women, children, indigenous groups, disabled people… We must tackle climate change to achieve sustainable development.”

2018 is a crucial year for the international community to demonstrate its determination in limiting the rise in global temperature to 1.5˚C. Canada must take measurable actions to meet its policy commitments, and to even surpass these commitments if it is to claim to be a global leader in the fight against climate change.

We ask that Canada, as host of the Summit, play an active role in urging other G7 countries to keep their commitments and to report on actions taken to address climate change over the past 3 years, in particular with regards to the following key areas:

* Accelerate efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, in line with the objectives of the Paris Climate Agreement. In fact, the efforts to reduce emissions covered by this Agreement only cover 1/3 of what is necessary to keep rising global temperatures under 2˚C. G7 countries must focus more stringently on shifting the global economy beyond the fossil fuel era, and to send a strong message to the global community.
* Reaffirm the financial commitments necessary to support climate adaptation in developing countries; and ensure that G7 countries make resources available to the most vulnerable communities.

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