



## COMPENDIUM OF CANADA'S ENGAGEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS

### *Agreement on the Environment between Canada and the Republic of Peru*

**SUBJECT CATEGORY:**

Environmental Cooperation

**TYPE OF AGREEMENT / INSTRUMENT:**

Bilateral

**FORM:**

Legally-binding treaty

**STATUS:**

- Signed on May 29, 2008
- Ratified by Canada June 18, 2009
- In force in Canada August 1, 2009
- In force internationally August 1, 2009
- Ongoing

**LEAD & PARTNER DEPARTMENTS:**

**Lead:** Environment and Climate Change Canada

**Partners:** Global Affairs Canada. Others  
(depending on cooperative activity)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**Web Links:**

- [Canada-Peru Agreement on the Environment Website](#)
- [Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement Website](#)
- [Canada-Peru Agreement on Labour Cooperation Website](#)

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**COMPENDIUM EDITION:**

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#### PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

The Canada-Peru Environmental Cooperation Agreement, signed in parallel to the Free Trade Agreement, is a legally binding mechanism for bilateral environmental cooperation. The Agreement requires both countries to encourage high levels of domestic environmental protection. Cooperative activities allow for policy dialogue and information exchange, which strengthens environmental protection in both countries. The implementation of the Canada-Peru Environment Agreement is overseen by a Committee on the Environment, composed of officials from Environment and Climate Change Canada and Peru's Ministry of Environment.

#### OBJECTIVE

This Agreement commits both countries to encourage high levels of domestic environmental protection, to foster good environmental governance and to promote transparency and public participation. It also creates a framework for undertaking environmental cooperation.

#### KEY ELEMENTS

Commitments to ensure high levels of environmental protection and effective enforcement of environmental laws.

A non-derogation clause that obligates the countries not to relax their environmental laws in order to encourage trade or investment.

A dispute resolution mechanism regarding obligations identified in the Agreement.

A commitment to maintain appropriate procedures to conduct environmental impact assessments, and allow for public participation in these procedures.

Provisions to ensure that interested persons can request the investigation of alleged violations of environmental laws.

A requirement for each country to designate a National Coordinating Officer for the Environment Agreement and establish a Committee on the Environment responsible for development and implementation of cooperative programs and activities.

A commitment to develop cooperative programs and activities, subject to available resources.

### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

Facilitate collaboration between Canada and Peru on environmental priorities, aimed at strengthening environmental protection.

Provide effective mechanisms to raise and resolve concerns about the effective enforcement of domestic environmental laws.

### **CANADA'S INVOLVEMENT**

Environment and Climate Change Canada works with Peru's Ministry of Environment to implement the Agreement, in partnership with external experts (including representatives of other government department/agencies, academics, private sector and NGOs) who support collaborative activities.

### **RESULTS / PROGRESS**

#### ***Activities***

The Committee on the Environment is required to meet as mutually decided by the countries (either in person or by videoconference) in order to discuss priority areas for cooperation, approve the bilateral work program consisting of cooperative projects, discuss implementation of projects, and share policy updates. The Committee on the Environment last met in December 2018, in Lima, Peru. On the margins of this Committee meeting, Canada and Peru co-hosted a Regional Workshop on Pollutant Releases and Transfer Registers (PRTR). Experts from Canada, Peru,

Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Panama, as well as from the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) participated in the event. As a follow-up activity, next year, Canada and Peru will conduct a new project on PRTR standards in the mining sector.

#### ***Reports***

The Committee on the Environment is required to prepare a summary record of meetings, in addition to reports and recommendations on bilateral activities.

There is also a requirement to consider undertaking a review of the implementation of the Agreement, within five years of its entry into force.

#### ***Results***

Under this Agreement, Canada and Peru have taken important steps towards strengthening relations on environmental matters.

The Committee on the Environment provides a mechanism for regular policy dialogue and information exchanges on a wide range of priority topics.

The Agreement provides a mechanism to foster capacity-building and collaborative research on issues of importance to Canada and Peru.

Recent cooperative activities have focused on climate change, contaminated sites management, pollutant release and transfer registries, biodiversity and conservation, and water management.