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Canadian Government to be challenged in court for failing to uphold federal climate change law

Lawyers will argue in court that Kyoto commitment broken

TORONTO - Canada will be the first country ever to be brought to court for its failure to comply with domestic law and meet its international commitments to combat global warming. On behalf of Friends of the Earth Canada (FOE), pro-bono lawyers from Paliare Roland Barristers and Ecojustice (formerly Sierra Legal Defence Fund) will be in court challenging the Government of Canada for violating the Kyoto Protocol Implementation Act.

When: Wednesday June 18 2008, 9:30 am (FOE and legal representatives will arrive at 8:50 am)

Where: Federal Court, 180 Queen Street West, Suite 200, Toronto Ontario (see map)

Who: Beatrice Olivastri, Friends of the Earth Canada (plaintiff)
Chris G. Paliare, Paliare Roland Barristers
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Friends of the Earth Canada is a charitable, non-profit environmental organization that serves as a national voice for the environment, working with others to inspire the renewal of our communities and the Earth, through research, education and advocacy. It is the Canadian voice for FoE International, the world's largest grassroots environmental network, uniting 70 national member groups (www.foecanada.org).

Ecojustice, formerly Sierra Legal Defence Fund, is Canada's leading non-profit organization of lawyers and scientists devoted to protecting the environment. Since 1990, they have helped hundreds of groups, coalitions and communities expose law-breakers, hold governments accountable and establish powerful legal precedents in defence of our air, water, wildlife and natural spaces.

