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The Honourable Maurice F. Strong, P.C., O.C., LL.D.

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Maurice Strong, a Canadian, was born and educated in Canada. He has been working at senior levels for over 30 years in business, government and international organizations. Mr. Strong has long-standing family, business and official ties with China, including being the founder and first Co-Chair of the Canada-China Business Council.

Current appointments include: President of the Council of the University for Peace; advisor on international matters, State Environmental Protection Agency of China; Co-founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Earth Council Alliance; Member of United States National Academy of Science; Honorary Professor Peking (Beijing) University; Honorary Professor and advisor to Environmental Management College of China; Member of Korean Academy of Science and Technology.

Some of Mr. Strong's past appointments include: Under Secretary General and Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the United Nations; Senior Advisor to the President World Bank and member of management committee; Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Hydro; Director, Foundation Board World Economic Forum; Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit); First Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; first President of the Canadian International Development Agency and Deputy Minister, Foreign Affairs; Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (1972); Chairman of the Stockholm Environment Institute; Member and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the United Nations Foundation; Chairman of the World Resources Institute; Member, International Advisory Board, Federation of Korean Industries; Chairman, Executive Bureau World Conservation Union (IUCN); Trustee, Rockefeller Foundation; President, Power Corporation of Canada; Chairman and President, Petro Canada; Chairman, Canada Development Investment Corporation; Vice Chairman, Tosco Corporation; Vice Chairman, World Wildlife Fund International.

Mr. Strong is a Member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.

Honours he has received include Companion of the Order of Canada, the Swedish Royal Order of the Polar Star, the Brazilian National Order of the Southern Cross, Tyler Environmental Prize, Blue Planet Prize. He has been awarded 53 honorary doctorate degrees.