

**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

**RESTORE FUNDING TO UNCCD**

**WHEREAS** Canadians believe in the value of international engagement, strong multilateral institutions, and in our country playing a positive role in the world;

**WHEREAS** climate change represents the greatest threat humanity has ever faced, requiring collaborative international approaches to adaptation and mitigation,

**WHEREAS** shifting patterns of precipitation due to climate change, coupled with deforestation and unsustainable agricultural practices, threaten vast swaths of the planet with drought and desertification, and will potentially render large parts of the planet uninhabitable,

**WHEREAS** Canada is the only country to have withdrawn from the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, which, following Canada’s withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol, is only the second legally binding treaty in Canadian history that we have withdrawn from,

**WHEREAS** the reason given by the previous government for our withdrawal, that the treaty was not good value for our annual financial contribution of \$300,000, is difficult to reconcile with many of this governments other priorities, given that the Canadian contribution to the Convention equals:

- half the cost of a G8 gazebo;
- 109 days of the care and feeding of a rented panda;
- less than 4% of the PMO office budget;
- a third the cost of shipping an armoured vehicle to India; or
- two days of government advertising.

**THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS** call upon the Government of Canada to play a responsible role in the world by rejoining the Convention on Drought and Desertification, and increasing our annual financial contribution beyond 2012 levels.

**Signature**

**Full Address with City and Province**

**Email**

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## Guidelines

1. Petitions must not be altered or have any text added.
2. Petitions can be either double-sided, or have a blank back page.
3. A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
4. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.
5. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition.
6. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself.
7. A petition must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it.
8. No photocopies, scans, e-mails etc. as petitions are only admissible in hardcopy.  
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