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## **Fossil of the Day Awards – 30 September 2009** **Bangkok Climate Negotiations**

Bangkok, Thailand, 30 September 2009: CAN International gave its Fossil of the Day award to the following countries judged best at blocking progress over the past day of negotiations.

### **First Place: EU, Norway, Canada, and Australia**

The EU, Norway, Canada and Australia, have been awarded the first place fossil for pushing for the deletion of a paragraph in the financing negotiations in the LCA. The paragraph expresses deep concern over the substantial gap between the resources required for adaptation and mitigation action in developing countries, and the financial resources currently available. With the lack of financial commitments from the developed country governments, the gap is more apparent than ever before, and instead of deleting the reference to this gap, the developed countries should start focusing on delivering on their commitments. Canada's statement that the paragraph was "too negative" and that the text should generally be more positive displays a very fossil-worthy indifference to the world's poorest communities facing the consequences of climate change and suffering because of the lack of support to adaptation from the countries who have caused the problem in the first place, including the EU, Norway, Canada and Australia.

### **Second Place: New Zealand**

Yesterday New Zealand revealed its '10% to 20%' target is actually a 'nothing to 20%' target when they stated that "if our conditions are not met we reserve the right to drop [our target] below 10%." This follows the announcement of changes to its emissions trading scheme that means New Zealand's gross emissions will keep rising past 2020.

### **Third Place: The United States of America**

The US is awarded the third place fossil for suggesting that there be no formal negotiation to determine the comparability of annex I targets but rather that each party examines each other's offers and decides whether it is comparable. There is no formal process, nor criteria, of standards to determine comparability.

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The Climate Action Network (CAN), a coalition of over 450 NGOs worldwide dedicated to limiting climate change to sustainable levels, regularly judges and presents three 'Fossil of The Day' awards to the countries who perform the worst during the past day's negotiations at UN climate change conferences. The Fossil-of-the-Day awards were first presented at the climate talks in 1999, in Bonn, Germany.