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To: media@ec.gc.ca

Subject: **Media inquiry regarding Geoengineering and Weather Modification activities**

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am an independent journalist based in Quebec, Canada. I am currently writing an extensive article about geoengineering and weather modification in Canada.

As you may know, many Canadians are worried and concerned about geoengineering- and weather modification-related activities (including those for research purposes) – such as those related to Solar Radiation Management (SRM), Cloud Seeding, and Stratospheric Aerosol Injects (SAIs) – occurring in on Canadian territory and Canadian airspace. It is well documented that these types of activities such as cloud seeding [have been occurring in Canada since as far back as the 1950s](#) and continue to be [considered as means to combat climate change](#). Moreover, Canada also has a [Weather Modification Information Act \(1985\)](#) with related [Regulations](#), and a [treaty](#) with the United States about sharing information about the exchange of information on Weather Modification activities.

Accordingly, I would like to obtain some clarity with regards to Environment and Climate Change Canada's official position on such Geoengineering and Weather Modification activities as well as other items. So, if you could answer the following questions (**in bold**), I will be most grateful.

1) What is the official policy of Environment and Climate Change Canada regarding the use of Geoengineering- and Weather Modification-related activities over its territory, including those

that are concerned with research? Are they permitted? If so, by which kinds of institutions and under what general conditions or regulations?

2) If such activities are authorised by Environment and Climate Change Canada, does your department account for possible *impacts on citizens and the natural environment* for such geoengineering- and weather modification-related programs or activities?

3) Is Environment and Climate Change Canada aware of such programs currently taking place? If so, can you provide the related information, including the parties undertaking such activities or programs, their purposes, and the geographic area(s) concerned?

4) Have any studies been commissioned or undertaken by Environment and Climate Change Canada regarding the potential impacts (on people and the natural environment) regarding geoengineering- and weather modification-related activities? If so, can you point me to them?

5) In the last two years how many complaints or concerns has Environment and Climate Change Canada received (via email or phone calls) specifically with regards to aerosol sprayings from aircraft?

The deadline for my article is **Friday, Sept. 29**; so, if you can answer by then, I will be most grateful. I sincerely apologise for the brief delay. If you need more time to respond, I can always add them to my article as an addendum.

Thankfully,

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