

Statement

GREENPEACE

Greenpeace welcomes call for emergency debate on record low Arctic sea ice extent

23 March 2015 (Toronto) – Following NDP Environment Critic Megan Leslie’s announcement stating her [intent to request an emergency debate](#) in Ottawa to discuss the 34-year record low for Arctic winter ice, Greenpeace Canada Arctic Campaigner Farrah Khan said:

“We’re pleased the Official Opposition recognizes the dire need for our government to take action to combat climate change and protect the Arctic environment.

“Harper’s Arctic strategy puts the exploitation of oil and gas resources front and centre, which contributes to an already warming climate and is attached to a volatile market. In order to bring sustainable and reliable prosperity to the North, Arctic development should include a diverse portfolio that is independent of a high price-per-barrel.”

-30-

For more information:

Diego Creimer, Communications officer, 514-999-6743 diego.creimer@greenpeace.org