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## **Preparation of the Statement**

In the weeks before the CMOS 2006 Congress, documentation that represented the position of CMOS on the climate change issue at that time was assembled. Much of this information was taken from material already posted on the CMOS website. In the days leading up to the congress, the material was circulated electronically among key CMOS members, including the Executive Director and National President. During the meeting, further discussion, review and editing took place to reflect new information being presented at the meeting.

A draft version of the document was presented at the pre-plenary session on Wednesday May 31, 2006. The text was shown at the session as a Powerpoint presentation and 200 copies of the draft were made available to the meeting attendees. An announcement was made explaining that the CMOS executive intended to release the statement to the press the next day at noon. It was also announced that all CMOS members were invited to attend a meeting to discuss the document to be held after the poster session at 6 PM that same day and that the final text would be determined by consensus at that time. Approximately 50 people participated in the writing session. By 7 PM the text had been extensively revised to reflect the research presented at the congress and a consensus was reached on the final version. A notice to the media was broadcast at about 8 PM announcing that the statement would be released the next day at noon.

The next morning, June 1, 2006, some minor grammatical editing was completed and 200 copies of the statement were printed. These were distributed to a number of the people that had attended the editing session. At 1 PM the statement was authorized to be released to the public via the conference website at [www.CMOS2006.ca](http://www.CMOS2006.ca) and was made available to all delegates. A press conference was held at 1 PM and Ian Rutherford, the CMOS Executive Director, spoke to the media about the statement. Geoff Strong, the incoming President of CMOS, participated in the press conference.