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### **FOSSIL AWARDS DAY 10**

## **Trio of Scrooge Countries (Canada/Australia/Japan) ties with the EU on Finance and Australia Takes 1st Place for Bullying Tuvalu and Other Small Island States**

**2nd/3rd Place Tie: Japan/Canada/Australia and The EU**

**1st Place: Australia**

COPENHAGEN, Denmark—A lack of ambition and commitment to long term finance dominates today's Fossils. We all know that finance is one of the major pieces of the big package that we want to see happen here. And we know that it's going to take leadership, cooperation and bold movement on the part of developed countries on this issue to solve the climate crisis facing us. Unfortunately, in these holiday times, all we're seeing are a lot of Uncle Scrooge type actions.

Tied for second and third places are Canada/Australia/Japan (who collectively failed to commit to long term financing) and the EU who made no positive moves on targets. This is a time for action, not stalling!

Australia has been awarded a First Place Fossil of the Day Award for putting pressure on Pacific Island nations--and Tuvalu in particular--to agree to 2 degrees and 450 parts per million of CO2. We were incredibly discouraged and angry to learn that Australia, one of Tuvalu's bigger, richer neighbors has been acting like a big bully and asking Tuvalu to give up on its strong commitment to a legally binding agreement that keeps the world to 1.5 degrees of warming and 350 ppm. Have no fear, dear audience, Tuvalu stood firm in the face of this outrageous display of aggression.

The Fossil of the Day Awards are chosen by a daily vote of the Climate Action Network-International, a global coalition of over 450 non-governmental organisations, and presented daily at 6pm at an award ceremony hosted by Ben Wikler of Avaaz.org. Today, with Ben and other members of observer groups denied entry to the conference center, the awards were presented by Gillian Caldwell. She had this to say about today's "winners."

### **2nd/3rd Place**

EU leaders had a golden opportunity to use their speeches today to move beyond tired old negotiating positions and thus create the trust needed to seal a real deal at Copenhagen. By ducking this opportunity they risk sharing the blame for failure and throwing away Europe's hard-earned reputation as a climate leader. Europe says it wants a real deal at Copenhagen that puts the world on a pathway to limit temperature rise below 2 degrees C. But all it has brought to the table is a 20% target first announced two years ago and a long wish-list of loopholes. On finance, Europe has put some fast start money on the table but has delivered nothing new on the all



important issue of post-2012 finance. Now even the US has shifted its ground on finance it's time for the EU to agree a more ambitious offer on public finance that is genuinely new and additional to existing ODA commitments.

**2nd/3rd Place (tie)--Canada, Australia and Japan**

Japan, Canada and Australia were awarded Fossil of the Day because of their inability to even keep up with the US on long-term climate finance. These guys are pretending to behave like poor third world countries with no money that are reeling under the impacts of climate change. Both Canada and Australia have been trying to hide behind the low ambitions of the US and they have tried their best to not be constructive at COP15. Whilst Santa's sack could be overflowing with the gift of responsibility this Yuletide, Japan has so far just repackaged discarded gifts from last year.

Much of it's short-term finance announcement will come from pledges it made a while back, and very little clarity on it's additionality. If the US can take a step forward, then, Canada, Australia and Japan have no one else to hide behind. Luckily, there's still some time left and we look towards these countries with some hope that they might come out with a strong position on this.

**1st Place--Australia**

Australia has been awarded a First Place Fossil of the Day Award for putting pressure on Pacific Island nations--and Tuvalu in particular--to agree to 2 degrees and 450 parts per million of CO2. You know, when we see one of the world's most vulnerable nations take the kind of bold actions that we saw Tuvalu take last week, our hearts are warmed and we are filled with inspiration. And maybe that's why we were so discouraged and angry to learn that Australia, one of Tuvalu's bigger, richer neighbors has been acting like a big bully and asking Tuvalu to give up on its strong commitment to a legally binding agreement that keeps the world to 1.5 degrees of warming and 350 ppm. Have no fear, dear audience, Tuvalu stood firm in the face of this outrageous display of aggression...And it's no small feat for a tiny country of 26sq kms and 6000 inhabitants to stand up to financial blackmail from big bad Australia. Our message to you, Australia? Time to act like a leader, not a bully.

*The Fossil of the Day awards ceremony takes place daily at 18:00, at the Fossil of the Day booth, at the entry to the NGO/Side Events area as you are coming from the delegation areas, plenary rooms and the rest of the Bella center.*