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From: Wallace, Jeremy -MDC
Sent: May 6, 2011 5:22 PM
To: Price, Debra -BUCST -GR
Subject: RE: Climate change event in Bucharest with Franke James artwork

Thanks Debra for the additional info. However, from MDC's perspective our advice would be to recommend against Cdn support/endorsement in this case.
Jeremy

From: Price, Debra -BUCST -GR
Sent: May 6, 2011 1:13 AM
To: Wallace, Jeremy -MDC
Cc: Berman, Mark -MDC; Cremonese, René -GLB -GLD
Subject: Re: Climate change event in Bucharest with Franke James artwork

Thanks Jeremy, appreciate the detailed response. However we have not been asked to provide funding for this event, as I noted in my message, we have been asked only for "moral support" - given that part of the exhibition features a Canadian, who appears to work extensively on climate change education and outreach in a reasonably balanced way - through authorizing the use of the Canada wordmark on publicity materials (and we would drop in on the event of course to see how it is being run). This event is "consciousness- raising" on carbon reduction at a personal level for teens through the "10:10Teen" initiative. Nor are we being asked to provide funding for Ms. James participation as the organizers are bringing only 20 pieces of her artwork for the event (but in fact I would hope that PIF funding could be applied to support for a Canadian speaker on climate change/sustainable development issues, if Of course one of our choice, given this is a type of event we would look at organizing normally in order to present Canadian positions to our contacts) It would appear to me the event itself falls easily into the GoCs approach as you have described, if peripheral to our priorities for funding.. Given no draw on funds is being considered, my question was rather related to the general outlook on the issue presented by Ms. James. Grateful to know if this additional information affects your advice as to the association with the event. Perhaps I should have emphasized this detail in my first message. Sorry for any confusion.

From: Wallace, Jeremy -MDC
To: Price, Debra -BUCST -GR
Cc: Berman, Mark -MDC
Sent: Thu May 05 22:23:50 2011
Subject: FW: Climate change event in Bucharest with Franke James artwork

Hi Debra,

I hope you are well. Mark has asked me to get back to you on his behalf.
We received similar queries on this from ROME and ZAGRB and have discussed with GLB.
Bottom line: we would not/not recommend providing funding in this case.

I take this opportunity to share, **for your information/background only**, the following considerations, which are **not/not intended as material for a response** to the requester:

- funding has been provided to support climate-change related projects abroad to assist countries (in particular the most vulnerable) adapt to climate change;
- funding has also been targeted to facilitate other countries' substantive participation in international climate change negotiations within the UNFCCC, and [REDACTED]
- to my knowledge, we have focussed our funding at strengthening local capacity in other countries, and not/not towards Canadian speakers making presentations abroad on the subject of climate change;

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As general guidance we would want to ensure that climate-change related support provided through departmental funds, while helping to address the challenge of climate change in tangible ways --in particular in those countries most vulnerable to its effects (including Small Island Developing States)--

MDC has concerns that the funding proposed would not be consistent with our interests and approach outlined above, and would in fact run counter to Canada's interests more broadly.

While the funding Canada has provided within the context of Fast-Start Climate Financing, is of a different order of magnitude, I am enclosing for reference the 2-pager that was issued last fall, announcing the details of our \$400 million contribution in 2010-11.

I hope this is helpful.

Jeremy

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From: Price, Debra -BUCST -GR

Sent: May 5, 2011 8:24 AM

To: Berman, Mark -MDC

Subject: Climate change event in Bucharest with Franke James artwork

Hello Mark

We have been approached by an NGO based in Zagreb but working in all the countries of eastern Europe with a request for support to a series of youth forums on climate change here in Bucharest at which the artwork of Canadian environmental activist Franke James will be featured. I am not very familiar with her work/perspective, although the bonafides of the NGO itself are good and they are supported by the British Embassy here. Our association would likely consist simply of letting them use the Canada wordmark on their publicity but I wanted to check first with someone who might be familiar with James' work in relation to government priorities. I know that public affairs is not really your responsibility but I thought you might know of her and be able to advise or direct me to someone who could respond.

Thanks for your help

Debra

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