

TRANSITION OF WORKERS FROM INDUSTRIAL TO KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY

WHEREAS Science and technology is forecasting a future leading towards a Knowledge economy in which companies, and therefore countries, will promote a worker's knowledge (human capital) as opposed to the traditional forms of capital such as plant and machinery;

WHEREAS the traditional Canadian industrial economy of agriculture, manufacturing and service are transitioning to a Knowledge Economy based on intellectual capital; 'human capital' that values the 'intangible assets' of soft skills;

WHEREAS Canada (1976) was a signatory to the United Nations declaration; *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*. Article 13 of the declaration states higher education shall be made equally accessible;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada provided a \$950 million stimulus package (*Innovation Supercluster*) to build strong partnerships between business, post-secondary institutions and government to promote cutting edge research and development;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to consult all stakeholders (Workers, Business and Secondary Institutions) to develop a concerted policy intervention for those workers caught by the transition from an industrial economy to a knowledge based economy through education and training while providing cost of living assistance to workers during the transition process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to not lose sight of those workers displaced by disruptive technologies with appropriate support.

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