



*For many aboriginal peoples, sustainable development is the normal state of their lives and culture for tens of thousands of years. Development, as we understand it, therefore, is a direct threat to their very existence.*

- 6.21 Canada should promote the harmonization of environmental protection standards and environmental project assessments, within Canada first and then at the circumpolar level, while taking regional characteristics into account. (Quebec)
- 6.22 The Canadian Government should ensure that decentralization and privatization in circumpolar regions do not take place at the expense of environmental protection. (Quebec)
- 6.23 The Canadian Polar Commission should be used to develop Canadian Arctic science policies. (Edmonton)
- 6.24 Canada should place increasing emphasis on international cooperation in scientific and technological matters in its circumpolar foreign policy. In order to fulfill Canada's international obligations however, increased resources should be allocated for northern monitoring and science which are currently in a state of crisis. (Edmonton, Quebec)

