

PART ONE - OBJECTIVES**ARTICLE 1****Objectives**

The objectives of this Agreement are to:

- (a) foster the protection and improvement of the environment in the territories of the Parties for the well-being of present and future generations;
- (b) promote sustainable development through mutually supportive environmental and economic policies;
- (c) strengthen cooperation on the development and improvement of environmental laws, procedures, policies and practices; and
- (d) promote transparency and public participation in the development of environmental laws and policies.