

A Solid Waste Management Program will establish landfills that will be designed to meet high environmental standards and will result in the closure of dump sites that have potential to contaminate groundwater.

to mitigate climate change, adapt to its possible effects, increase public awareness and scientific understanding of climate change and possible responses, and work together with other countries in all of these areas.

As a first step, Canada has established a national goal to stabilize net emissions of greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol at 1990 levels by 2000. Canadian governments have joined with major groups and individuals to develop and implement actions to achieve that goal. The actions will be based on the principles and considerations in Canada's National Action Strategy on Global Warming and on similar strategies developed by provincial governments.

Canada recently issued a draft of our first National Report on Climate Change for discussion. It provides a snapshot of current actions by Canadian governments, NGOs, communities and the private sector. It will help develop a common understanding on progress and will provide a solid foundation for discussions on subsequent actions toward meeting domestic commitments and international obligations.

(c) Aid, Trade and Debt

UNCED made clear that action is needed on issues related to poverty and debt in the developing world in order to help developing nations and the globe as a whole make the transition to sustainable development. Canada's actions and priorities on these issues are discussed in Part II, Sections I (International Co-operation) and III (Financial Resources and Mechanisms).

(d) United Nations System

Since UNCED, Canada has played an active role in promoting more effective responses to sustainable development within several UN agencies. These include the CSD, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS or Habitat). As Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the CSD, Canada is contributing to the ongoing work of the Commission and plans to participate in intersessional working groups on technology and finance.

Canada was very supportive of the participation of NGOs in the UNCED process and continues to encourage their involvement in the intersessional and sessional work of the CSD.

(e) High Seas Fisheries

At UNCED, Canada gained global support for a UN-sponsored intergovernmental conference to address the management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks on the high seas. Since then, there have been several initiatives, including