

## PRIORITIES

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### **STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

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When the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment took place in Stockholm in 1972, there existed no organization to co-ordinate international efforts on the global environment. As a result of the Stockholm Conference, the UN General Assembly established the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). Today, with the emergence of issues like the greenhouse effect and depletion of the ozone layer, institutions such as UNEP need to be strengthened and supported by all countries.

Canada has always been a strong supporter of the United Nations and its related agencies. Our reputation as an actor on the international stage is being upheld in part through our commitment to international environmental efforts. The Green Plan indicates that, over the next six years,