

## Goal 4 Implement the two Departments' priority commitments Development: Johannesburg 2002

### OBJECTIVES

### TARGETS/ACTIONS

**4:I Strengthened role for the Commission on Sustainable Development within the United Nations framework**

The Commission on Sustainable Development should continue to be the high-level commission on sustainable development within the United Nations' system and serve as a forum for consideration of issues related to integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. Although the role, functions and mandate of the Commission as set out in relevant parts of *Agenda 21* and adopted in General Assembly resolution 47/191 continue to be relevant, the Commission needs to be strengthened, taking into account the role of relevant institutions and organizations. An enhanced role of the Commission should include reviewing and monitoring progress in the implementation of *Agenda 21* and fostering coherence of implementation, initiatives and partnerships

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- (i) contribute to the implementation of a new structure, work cycle and work programme for the CSD over the next 15 years as agreed upon in May 2003 to ensure it becomes an innovative, implementation-oriented body
- The Department of Foreign Affairs is the lead federal department and will work closely with Environment Canada, CIDA, NRCan and other departments, depending on the subject areas under discussion in a given cycle. The Department will ensure Canada is well represented by the appropriate sustainable development practitioners and policy officers at the various steps in the new process