Sustainable forestry development is the goal. It will require the dedication of all concerned. Federal leadership should play a particularly unique and strategic role, not entirely new, but certainly more crucial than ever before.

Sustainability does not mean status quo. True stewardship for future generations means enhanced values and volumes from the forests, and therefore a wider range of choices. Therein lies the path to consensus, to make those choices in common accord and always in the context of sustainable development.

We do, therefore, support and endorse the analysis and the conclusions of this Report. Its recommendations do constitute a mission, a mandate and a means by which, in our view, sustainable forestry development can be fostered and nurtured from concept to reality in Canada. The forest challenge has been cast to the federal government in most compelling terms. We urge the government — through its Departments of Forests — to accept that challenge and to meet it!

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