

## OBJECTIVES, ISSUES, AND ACTION PLANS

### OBJECTIVE THREE: CANADIAN VALUES AND CULTURE

**Goal** Projection abroad of Canadian values and culture which support sustainable social development, including the common security and well-being of all peoples through environmental protection; focussing on democratic development, human rights, the rights of indigenous peoples, ready access to health and education, reduction of poverty and both social equity and diversity.

**Canadian Interests** In the global environment, the sustainable development dimensions of Canadian values and culture help to define Canada on the world stage and can contribute materially to the international resolution of global threats to the environment and to social and economic development.

Commitments made by Canada and other nations of the world to enhance the global environment require national and international follow-up, assessment and compliance.

The human rights and social equity dimensions of Canadian culture are best protected by extending our concerns for human rights to all peoples of the world.

### ACTION PLAN - ISSUE 3A

Working with other like-minded nations within the UN system (e.g., UNEP, UNCHS, UNDP, UNCTAD) and in other fora (i.e., la Francophonie, the Commonwealth, APEC, OAS, WTO, IFIs) to encourage better integration of social, economic and environmental factors in the operations and programs of these organizations; and to encourage and negotiate agreements on means to achieve progress on a broad range of issues relating to global sustainable development, including specific commitments to action on such issues as: forest management practices; protection of the marine environment; the management of hazardous materials and wastes; respect for human rights and the satisfaction of basic human needs; privacy and information issues; democratic development; the reduction of poverty; the rights of indigenous peoples; the rights of women and gender equality; and the rights of children and the exploitation of child labour.

ACTION	MILESTONE INDICATORS
Promote institutional reform of UN bodies engaged in sustainable development activities, in order to define clear roles and mandates, avoid duplication and improve coordination, together with other multilateral development institutions.	Ongoing

