

AND DEVELOPMENT, IT SAYS: "THE MAINTENANCE OF THE QUALITY OF OUR WATER, OUR AIR AND OUR SOIL IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT AND TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE TO WHICH THAT DEVELOPMENT MUST CONTRIBUTE".

THE MESSAGE OF THE WORLD CONSERVATION STRATEGY - A DOCUMENT WHICH STANDS BESIDE THE STOCKHOLM DECLARATION IN IMPORTANCE - IS APPLICABLE TO DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE. THERE IS A STRONG, INDEED UNBREAKABLE BOND, BETWEEN SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING OUR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASPIRATIONS. IT IS NOT ONE OR THE OTHER. BOTH MUST, AND CAN, BE ACHIEVED TOGETHER.

BUT IN MY COUNTRY, CANADA, DESPITE OUR VAST GEOGRAPHICAL AREA, SMALL POPULATION, AND ABUNDANCE OF WATER AND FOREST, WE DO TOO HAVE PROBLEMS.

LIKE SCANDINAVIA, WE SUFFER FROM ACID RAIN, PARTLY OF OUR OWN MAKING, PARTLY EMANATING FROM THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS ALSO SUFFERING. SOLUTIONS CAN ONLY BE FOUND BY JOINT ACTION. FOR LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT OF AIRBORNE POLLUTION DOES NOT RESPECT BOUNDARIES. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE USA DOES NOT SEEM TO SHARE OUR SENSE OF URGENCY IN THIS REGARD, THE MORESO IN THE LIGHT OF OUR LONG TRADITION OF COOPERATIVE EFFORT AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE QUALITY OF THE