

**Minister of Finance for financial and economic affairs, and that the Environment Minister report to Parliament annually on the environmental impact of all federal activities. (Interim recommendation no. 15.)**

**6.5 The Committee recommends that the Auditor General, working in conjunction with the Departments of Environment and Finance, establish an environmental audit function to assure that all federal departments and agencies have implemented environmental assessment processes, and to monitor the effectiveness of environmental programs. Specifically, the Auditor General should monitor the progress of all federal departments and agencies in setting and attaining targets for greenhouse gas emissions. (Interim recommendation no. 16)**

6.6 The National Action Strategy on Global Warming is being developed on a federal-provincial basis; it will depend for its success, however, on action by municipalities, by the private sector, and by individuals, as well as by senior governments. Yet, more may be needed.

6.7 In order to develop a truly comprehensive response to global warming, a long-term energy policy is needed as a framework for the wide array of necessary initiatives. The policy would give priority to energy efficiency (from transportation to buildings to electricity generation to agriculture to manufacturing and production), and to alternative or renewable energy sources. In addition, such policy would provide a means of ensuring that all government actions and policies — fiscal, taxation, regional development, forestry, foreign aid, trade, agriculture, etc. — are coordinated towards the single goal of reducing the emission of greenhouse gases, particularly CO<sub>2</sub>, and slowing the rate of global warming.

“But the threat to our world comes not only from tyrants and their tanks. It can be more insidious though less visible. The danger of global warming is as yet unseen, but real enough for us to make changes and sacrifices, so that we do not live at the expense of future generations.”

— Margaret Thatcher, then Prime Minister of the United Kingdom,  
Geneva, 6 November 1990.