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*Agenda 2000* is the first step in a long-term process. While its objectives are occasionally visionary in nature, they are grounded in action plans and milestone indicators. The Department's first SD strategy also highlights those issues in which concrete results have already been made.

In other cases, a focus on process is more appropriate, recognizing that DFAIT is only one of several government departments and agencies active in this area and that Canada, in turn, is but one of many players on the international stage. In such an environment, real progress and commitment can only be achieved through negotiation, discussion, consensus building and agreement.

Following extensive consultations within the Department, with other government departments and agencies and with the public and private sectors, the Department identified four key sustainable development objectives:

- economic growth and prosperity,
- building peace and security,
- Canadian values and culture, and
- greening the Department's operations.

Ensuring that economic growth, social development and environmental protection are all given consideration in the pursuit of the Department's sustainable development objectives will require due diligence and effective partnering.

In the following charts each of the four key sustainable development objectives is presented in relation to Canadian interests, and to related departmental business lines and objectives. Issues arising from each objective are delineated, and an action plan with milestone indicators for measuring performance has been established for each issue.

