

# *LIST OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS*

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## **Conclusion 1:**

The Committee endorses the definition of sustainable development contained in the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development (the Brundtland Report): Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

## **Conclusion 2:**

Present responsibility for the environment in Canada rests clearly with all levels of government. During the last quarter of a century, the demands of one of the largest national ecosystems in the world have required substantial expansion of policies and action in regard to the environment by all jurisdictions.

## **Conclusion 3:**

Effective recognition and understanding of environmental problems, and cooperative and coordinated policies, actions and enforcement measures among all jurisdictions, are more necessary at present than a new division of environmental powers.

## **Recommendation 4:**

The Committee recommends that the environment be regarded as an area of shared jurisdiction, in which concurrency and partnership are the appropriate and effective bases for governmental action.

## **Recommendation 5:**

The Committee recommends that aboriginal self-government be regarded as an opportunity and an obligation to pursue the protection of the environment and the adoption of sustainable development patterns.

## **Recommendation 6:**

The Committee recommends that the proposals for political renewal recognize explicitly that our common but varied environment unites Canada, just as our common but varied economy unites us. Economy and environment are inextricably intertwined. Specifically, the Committee recommends explicit recognition in the proposals that: