

While the chapter remains rather weak, it is a beginning in addressing the issue of global consumption patterns. In negotiations, Canada was in the enviable position of having already thought through the issues within the Green Plan process and of being one of few countries to already have in place programmes recommended in the chapter, for example environmental labelling.

A key issue with this chapter will be follow-up through the UNCED process. In a section on international cooperation and coordination the chapter recommends that this issue be given high priority in the follow-up to UNCED. Specific recommendations need to be developed on how this is to take place.

In summary Canada was able to play a positive role in the negotiation of this chapter. To a large extent Canadian objectives were met although some "moral arena" language remains in the text. The existence of the Green Plan as a framework document for the negotiations was invaluable.

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