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The paper assesses the compliance of the G7 member states with their international commitments in various areas of policy, including development, trade, labour, human rights, nuclear safety, and the environment. Generally, the member states of compliance with G7 international commitments can be explained by institutional variables and the role of regimes, and the political context created by leaders in accounting for compliance behaviour. The institutional variables are based on long-established departments providing well-defined domestic implementation in case of violation, and also maintaining strong institutional links to powerful public sector organizations (i.e. Department of Finance versus Department of the Environment). Future research by student groups that

Seven general recommendations to improve Summit compliance to which the support of a written foreign policy planning vehicle.

- Some Summit agendas on those issues where the G7 can credibly claim a unique contribution.
- Institutional arrangements of foreign ministers should precede and guide G7 Summits.
- Domestic issues that have not yet been internationalized should not be considered at G7 Summits and instead should be addressed in the Chairperson's Summary.
- Issues should be placed on policy initiatives whose bilateral relationships are well understood and accepted.
- Domestic issues should be addressed when bilateral leaders and the collective heads of state and government hold high-level and high authority, and consequently, avoid decisions on monetary policy.
- Policy dialogue at Summits should address those areas where each state has a strong institutional framework to develop and implement domestic policies.
- Heads of state and government should meet at the same time wherever possible.

Specifically, the Canadian government should

- maintain the momentum required to ensure implementation initiatives;
- continue to provide annual reports on its own compliance and encourage others to do the same;
- increase awareness of Summit issues;
- provide domestic information campaigns by the press;
- involve the private sector and other groups or organizations in monitoring and supporting