

Mr. President, this powerful momentum must be maintained and strengthened.

Other steps are needed.

Canada is supporting a feasibility study on a World Conservation Bank to work in concert with the World Bank. Canada is asking the World Bank, at its annual meeting in Berlin, to strengthen the integration of environmental concerns into the design and implementation of its projects.

Canada fully supports the holding of an environmental Summit at the Heads of Government level. Canada urges all corporations and international industrial and trade associations to develop, strengthen and vigorously apply environmental codes of conduct.

Obviously, wealthier nations have to offer more assistance and support to help developing countries achieve growth which does not destroy their environment. For that reason the Canadian International Development Agency makes environmental protection one of the criteria for its development projects.

I want to announce today that Canada will establish a Centre which will promote internationally the concept of environmentally sustainable development. This centre will be located in Winnipeg and will work closely with the United Nations Environment Program and other like-minded international institutions and organizations.

Canada strongly supports the call for a U.N. Conference on sustainable development in 1992.

The global challenges we face are great, but we are proving they can be met and resolved.

Mankind is not destined to destroy itself. War is not inevitable. Poverty can be alleviated. The environment can be preserved. Injustices can be made right.

Mr. President, the U.N. is not and never will be a perfect institution. But in the last few years the U.N. has proven that it can make needed reforms and emerge as a stronger and more effective body. We must continue to improve this irreplaceable organization. Our citizens will judge the U.N. not by its rhetoric but by its actions, and its practical successes.

An immunization program that saves children's lives in a developing nation is, in itself, an enduring monument to the profound value of this institution.