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MOVING from subsidizing the military, industrial, financial wants

TO fulfilling human rights and needs within a socially equitable and environmentally sound economy

TO complying with and enforcing obligations and commitments□ preventing harm through acting with precaution

THE POLITICS OF PUBLIC TRUST versus THE POLITICS OF VESTED ECONOMIC INTEREST

THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) AS A MEANS OF EVALUATING THE HEALTH OF THE ECONOMY has been proven to be an inadequate tool. It measures economic growth often ignoring the effects of social decline and environmental degradation. THE "CRITERIA OF PUBLIC TRUST" (CPT) is proposed in its place.□ The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) fails to factor in ecological and social costs and flourishes within the

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"cycle of error/rectification of error"; the "Criteria of Public Trust" (CPT) serve to break this "cycle of error/rectification of error"

(See Annex of Criteria of Public Trust.

https://pejnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10005:1998-criteria-of-public-trust-for-evaluating-the-performance-of-the-federal-government&catid=75:cjustice-news&Itemid=218)

The Federal government has consistently demonstrated misplaced spending priorities.

The Public Trust Budget illustrates department-by-department spending as detailed in the "Treasury Board Estimates" - the 2010 figures will be added when the revenue is made available - with comment on how the department funds could be redirected, relocated, or reassigned.

▯ REDIRECTION, RELOCATION OR REASSIGNMENT OF FUNDS:

The Public Trust Budget builds on previous Budgets proposed by the Global Compliance Research Project which stressed the need to redirect, relocate or reassign funds from subsidizing military, industrial and financial wants to fulfilling human rights

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and needs within a socially equitable and environmentally sound economy.

□ In previous Public Trust Budgets a distinction is made among "redirecting" "relocating" or "reassigning" funds. "Redirecting" would be moving funds within the same department but allocating the funds for different purposes. For example, funds in the Department of Agriculture would be redirected from subsidizing genetic engineering, agribusiness and chemical dependence to promoting organic farming□ and other forms of ecologically sound farming, and to instituting a fair and just transition program for farmers and communities.

This program would be coupled with the policy for the complete ban of Genetically engineered food and crops.

Similarly, funds in the Department of Natural Resources would be redirected away from subsidizing the fossil fuel, biofuel and nuclear industry to promoting socially equitable and environmentally safe and sound alternative energy. This would be coupled with the policy for the complete phasing out of fossil fuel, biofuel, nuclear and unsustainable hydro electric projects. In the Department of Fisheries, funds would be redirected from promoting aquaculture to preventing destruction of fish habitat and preserving wild stocks. This would be coupled with a policy to ban on Salmon fish farms and on land based Salmon fish farms. Likewise in the Department of Transport funds would be redirected away from subsidizing the automobile industry to promoting public transportation systems, which facilitate the moving away from car-dependency.

On the other hand, "Relocating" of funds means either allocating funds from one department to another department, or to a newly designated department. An example of "relocating funds" would be the relocation of funds from the Department of Defence to the Department of Finance for transfer payments for health care to Finance for transfer payments for education, to the Department of Human Resources, for an Anti-poverty fund, and to the Department of Environment. Similarly "relocating funds" would be the

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relocation of funds from the salaries of MPs, Senators and the Governor General into an Anti-poverty Fund for poor children and their families.[transfer payments to the provinces in the Department of Finance to assist in the eradication of child poverty.]

An example of "relocating"

Finally, "Reassigning" of funds would be the elimination of a Department and its budget and reassigning the allocated funds to a similar or different purpose. For example, the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs should be dismantled and the funds in the Department reassigned and transferred to First Nations' communities for them to create and implement their own policies within a framework of international principles.

Few will deny that there is an urgent need for change. Political action

□□□□□□□□ If positive change is to occur, it must come as a reflection of global public trust, rather than at the whim of vested economic interests.

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□□□□□□□□ For over sixty-five years, through international agreements, member states of the United Nations have incurred obligations through conventions, treaties and covenants. Member states of the United Nations have also made commitments through UN. conference action plans, and created expectations through General Assembly resolutions.

The Year 2000 was the International year launching the official UN Decade Promoting the Culture of Peace. The Decade has now passed. The Culture of Peace will only be in place when there is global implementation of the Public Trust international law. Canada and other member states of the United Nations have undertaken, but not implemented, the following actions within Public Trust international law:

1. to Promote and fully guarantee respect for human rights, including

MOVE LINE UP labour rights, the human right to unadulterated, healthy food, housing and health care, and social justice;

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2. to Enable socially equitable and environmentally sound development;

3. to Achieve a state of peace, justice and security;

4. to Create a global structure that respects the rule of law; and

5. to Ensure the preservation and protection of the environment, the

respect for the inherent worth of nature beyond human purpose, and the reduction of the ecological footprint and moving away from the current model of over-consumptive development;

□□□□□□□□ Unfortunately, Canadian governments continue to undermine these international obligations, commitments and expectations.

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The public trust concept reflects the interdependence of the above issues. For too long government departments have been functioning within a fragmentary model rather than addressing the interdependence and complexity of the Public Trust. The Public Trust Budget displays the spending priorities concurrently, department by department, so that the connections among departments can be examined, and a comparative analysis of spending priorities can be made. NOTE: The original Budget which was presented in Ottawa was also a diagram which demonstrated the links among the different departments.

□ The Minister of Finance

□ Deficit and Debt and phasing out of sunset industries coupled with a fair/just transition program for affected workers and communities.

Debt and phasing out of sunset industries coupled with a fair/just transition program for affected workers and communities.

The debt, which currently stands at roughly 580 billion could be reduced through immediately addressing the corporate/individual tax imbalance. Tax contribution by corporations in relation to tax contributions by individuals was almost at 50% in 1950 (48% individual/46% corporate); now the corporate/individual tax ratio has declined to less 12% by corporations and increased to 86% by individuals. The Canadian Economic Observer in June 1991 estimated that “a reduction in corporate taxation was a cause of the debt”. Additional revenue from the increased corporate tax should also be directed to the phasing out of sunset industries coupled with a fair/just transition program for affected workers and communities.

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BUDGET COMMENT

redirection, relocation and reassignment of

REVENUE:

Billions per year must be redirected from corporate subsidies to support social justice, human rights, environmentally sound development increasing transfer payments to ensure the human right to a universal non-two tier health care system, the human right to unadulterated healthy food, the human right to housing; to provide access to social programs--including pensions, child benefits, child care, and access to higher education. The commitment made at UNCED to .7% of GDP to be spent on socially equitable and environmentally sound development in the South has to be realized.

EXPENSES

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DEPARTMENT BY DEPARTMENT COMMENT

NATIONAL DEFENCE

1999 was the culmination of the Decade devoted to the furtherance of international law, and 2000 is the beginning of the Decade of a Culture of Peace. A culture of peace will be achieved through the "force of compliance". Through over 50 years of international agreements, the Canadian government has incurred obligations, made commitments and created expectations related to the promotion of the public trust. In a General Assembly resolution from 1981, for example, expectations were created that governments would reduce the military budget. The Canadian government has the opportunity of being at the forefront of promoting a culture of peace by reducing the military budget and relocating funds into health care, billion into higher education, into to Human Resources into an 'Anti-poverty fund for poor children and their families, and to the department of environment. Billions could be redirected into conversion programs linked with Just transition programs for affected workers, and redirected into a natural and anthropogenic disaster prevention and mitigation training program and into promoting a culture of peace through the “force of compliance”. This program could be used to prepare the Canadian military for the expected increase in weather related events brought about through climate change. This program could also be mandated to prevent risks incurred by the Federal government such as the berthing of nuclear armed or nuclear capable vessels, the continued use of bases such as the Nanoose weapons testing range, and the use and disposing of depleted uranium from military activities. Billions transferred to the department of environment to supplement the cost

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of restoring sites damaged through military activities.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS *AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE*

Funds should be relocated to Department of Canadian Culture for the promotion of "Safe Anti-racism Sites" and implementation of the International Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Funds should be redirected from subsidizing international vested economic agreements to implementing international public trust agreements.. Rather than acknowledging obligations, commitments and expectations under International public trust agreements, the Canadian government only appears to adhere to perceived privileges and demands under international vested interest agreements or institutions such as WTO, NAFTA, GATT, APEC, NATO. The Canadian government has failed to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families .

When Canada does sign and ratify international public trust agreements, it often has failed to implement the necessary legislation to ensure compliance. Canada has also made commitments through UN Conference Action plans. The funds in Foreign Affairs must be relocated to and redirected towards the promotion of and compliance with the public trust international law. The Canadian government should support the call for the disbanding of NATO for violation of international law, and should work towards the Dismantling of the WTO and APEC and other vested interest international agreements for contravening international Public Trust law. Funds in CIDA must be redirected away from subsidizing the vested economic interests of Canadian industries but into supporting the public trust. While continued levels of funding for CIDA should be at current rates, funding to support Canadian corporations in developing countries should be terminated immediately and redirected to projects that are socially equitable and environmentally sound and that have been conceived and executed in consultation with disenfranchised citizens of partner countries. The funding for IDRC should be maintained but its mandate extended to include also the failure of international agreements to be implemented in Canada.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

Rename the department of industry to the Department of "Just Transition"

Redirect funds to fair and just transition programs for workers and communities affected by conversion of sunset industries to socially equitable and environmentally sound development and employment. Relocate the funds in the Department of Industry away from subsidizing corporations and corporate-beneficial research to address the challenges of the 21st century,

Canada must move away from policies of economic growth at any cost. In the future, the Canadian government must act with foresight to prevent the entrenchment of socially inequitable and environmentally unsound practices. Canada is in a situation where a transition and conversion policy is necessary to phase out, or ban socially inequitable and environmentally unsound practices. Public policies must direct public funding to ensuring a just transition for workers and communities economically affected by these transition policies. There must be a national commitment to implementing the public trust throughout the country with a fair distribution of the effects, and an obligation to communities and to maintain full income and all-inclusive targeted transition assistance for working people who are dislocated as a result of the implementation of specific policies until they can find comparable work. Workers and the communities affected by the policy must be involved in the decision making process from the development of the terms of reference and throughout the process, and that the decision making process must be based on the fundamental principles of Just Transition supported by respective unions.

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Redirect funds from the National Research Council and Natural Science and Social Science and humanities research to socially equitable and environmentally sound projects. The research must not be linked to industry or "partnership with industry" (ie public private partnerships)

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Redefine what constitutes public safety and security

7. Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.

• **What constitutes the right to security?**

• **True security**

Citizens engaged in lawful advocacy, protest, and dissent are often those who are addressing activities, by governments and corporations, which could be designated as threats to "true" security.

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True security is not human security or a so-called “responsibility to protect” which has been recently used to support substantial increases in the military budget and to legitimize past, present, and future military expeditions wrapped in the guise of humanitarian interventions

True security is common security – a concept initiated by Olaf Palme, a former president of Sweden – and has been extended to embody the following objectives:

- **to achieve a state of peace, and disarmament; through reallocation of military expenses**

- **to promote and fully guarantee respect for human rights including civil and political rights, and the right to be free from discrimination on any grounds**

- **to enable socially equitable and environmentally sound employment, and ensure the right to development and social justice; labour rights, social and cultural rights- right to food, right to housing, right to universally accessible not for profit health care system, and the right to education**

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- **to ensure the preservation and protection of the environment, respect the inherent worth of nature beyond human purpose, reduce the ecological footprint ,and move away from the current model of overconsumptive development.**

- **to create a global structure that respects the rule of law and the International Court of Justice;**

Redirect funding into a new training and education program for CSIS and RCMP to assist them in distinguishing between dissent and subversion, in removing preconceptions, stereotypes, and prejudice, and in not violation civil and political rights. and into

retraining programs fostering respect for the public trust. Redirect funding also into disciplinary action for violation of civil and political rights and for having discriminated

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on any designated ground. The emphasis should be on crime prevention through social programs rather than incarceration. Redirect CSIS funding into International cooperation supporting Non Governmental Organization that are promoting the public trust. Redirect funds from the National Round Table -an arena of competing interests condoning conflict of interest - Principle-based Advisory Compliance Enforcement (PACE) -- a principle-based decision making process promoting the establishment of Criteria of Public Trust. PACE will not be sector based but principle-based drawing upon expertise and experience of members of the community. Relocated funds from public safety to Social Justice and Development (Human Resources) to promote youth-related programs.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Funds relocated from Parliamentarians, from Senators from Governor General budget to Human Right to Housing fund. At Habitat II (1996) Canada made a commitment to develop environmentally sound human settlements in consultation with community organizations and individuals, particularly those that have been traditionally marginalized from the decision making process. Ensuring that all Canadians have access to housing is not only the right thing to do but also is a human right recognized under the International Covenant of Cultural and Economic Rights, 1966. Redirect, as proposed in 1999, Funds from Department of Public works to implement commitments made though Habitat II, In particular, funds from Canada Mortgage and Housing should be redirected to guaranteeing the human right to housing.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The department should seek an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on whether Canada has been in violation of Canada's international obligations because of Canada's failure to enact the necessary legislation to ensure compliance. This recommendation builds on the recommendation from the 1999 Public Trust Green

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Comment that some funding should be redirected from the Justice department to the implementation of International law in Canada in recognition of the culmination of the Decade Devoted to the Furtherance of International Law in 1999. The Law Commission should recommend that the practice by developers of intimidating citizens and locally elected officials through law suits. be treated as a “criminal offence of intimidation”. The section in the Criminal code on the dissemination of hate literature must be revised to correspond to the more stringent obligation contained in the International Convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination. Human rights codes must include the following grounds:

- race, tribe, or culture;

- colour, ethnicity, national ethnic or social origin, or language; nationality, place of birth, or nature of residence (refugee or immigrant, migrant worker);

- gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or form of family,

- disability or age;

- religion or conviction, political or other opinion, or - class, economic position, social conditions or other status;

□ (1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the

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□ among others);

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Funds should be redirected from Judges salaries to an Anti-Poverty fund for poor children and their families. Funds should be redirected to support the decriminalization of drugs and the implementation of other harm-reduction strategies including education and recognition of the substantive differences in the physiological and psychological effects of individual drugs and the need for regulatory regimes to reflect these differences (such as the properties of individual substances, the consequences of their use and sale, and the consequences of attempting to prohibit, restrict, or control their sale and use.)

PRIVY COUNCIL

The Election's Act should be revised to require full disclosure of donations to political parties not only when given directly to the political party and during an election but also when given to regional associations and to candidates, and leadership campaigns outside of elections. Corporate donations should be disallowed. The inequitable "first past the post system"-- which contravenes Section 15 of the Charter should be replaced with some form of mixed proportional representation system". The fact that representatives, from NGO's with charitable status, run for political office should not jeopardize the charitable status of the organization. Funding should be redirected to extending the role of the Auditor General's Commission on Sustainable Development to assess the governments' level of compliance with international agreements and to creating an additional position for assessing the substance of government spending.

PARLIAMENT

Salaries of each Parliamentarian should be reduced and the savings transferred to the Department of Public Works and Government Services into initiating a fund to assist in fulfilling the human right to housing and to the Department of Human Resources into the Anti-Poverty Fund. Each Senator's salary should be also reduced by and the savings

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transferred into the above funds. The criteria for selection of senators should be changed from the whim of patronage to the commitment to merit based on life time contribution to the promotion of the Public Trust.

GOVERNOR GENERAL

Salary of Governor General should be reduced to set an example for the members of Parliament and Senators and should be relocate to Human Right to Housing fund, and the Anti-poverty fund

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NATIONAL REVENUE

Maintain a universal accessible non-two tier non-privatized, public health system with an emphasis on preventive medicine. Redirect billion from the current military budget into Department of Finance for transfer payments for health. Instituting a health promotion and disease prevention program through invoking the precautionary principle including eliminating environmentally induced health risks .Funding must be redirected to research into prevention of environmentally induced illnesses. Replace the current food guide with a new Canada food Guide based on the recommendations of the Physicians committee for responsible Medicine (PCRM) as a model. The current Canada Food Guide should be replaced by a New Canada Food Guide based on the recommendations of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (P.C.R.M) as a model. A New Canada Food Guide will recommend the New Four Food Groups which the P.C.R.M. recommends, i.e (1) fruits, (2) vegetables, (3) grains, and (4) legumes with other items mentioned as foods that people may choose to eat, but not recommended as ideal or necessary for health. Humanright to safe, unadulterated food must be guaranteed.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Auditor General should be elected by an all Party Committee. Apart from the Commission on Sustainable Development, there should be a position to determine the comparative legitimacy of the nature and type of expenditures and not just the auditing appropriateness. Examine COMER's banking reforms.

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Canada must abide by the 1951 Convention on refugees. The current proposal to distinguish between safe and unsafe countries which violates the section in the Convention- there must be no distinction based on country of origin. Canada must discontinue socially inequitable and environmentally unsound international investment that contributes to the development of economic and ecological refugees. It would be important for the Department to acknowledge the role that Canada plays in contributing to the displacement of people. The Department must ensure that the Citizenship Act is not unjust and discriminatory and is in compliance with international law. and that the Act incorporates the recommendations of the Coalition for the rights of Immigrants and Refugees. The Act must not (i) discriminate on the grounds of social condition by giving priority to privileges of affluent applicants by bringing government policies in line with "the forces of globalization" (ii) penalize immigrants who may have inadvertently misrepresented her/himself on an application; (iii) discount the time spent in Canada as being counted for residence status; (iv) continue the use of terms such as "crime", "abuse" and maintaining the safety of society which send a message that immigrants are dangerous; similarly or such as "illegal" being used to designate refugees; (v) permit excessive new powers of the Minister to annul citizenship or of the Cabinet to refuse citizenship on the basis of undefined 'national interest'; (vi) download the costs of language and skills training to community groups and individual immigrants and refugees and their sponsors; (vii) intimidate potential sponsors with threats of law suits when failure to support sponsored immigrants occurs. The Government must implement

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the Convention for the Protecting of Refugees, and must sign and ratify and implement the Convention for the Protection of Migrant workers and their families.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT

Rename the Department: suggestion Department of Social Justice and Development

Redirect funds away from subsidizing industry wants into promoting human rights and social justice needs. For example, the Department should not invest in questionable industry ventures but begin to redirect the designated funds to the following :

(i) to increase income assistance to retirement fund and to Child Investment fund and set up an Anti-poverty Fund for poor children and their families.

(ii) to address the plight of sweat shop workers. Standards must be in place, complied with and enforced. These standards must include the following: • legal wage must not be below the poverty line and • an external, permanent, funded, non-profit association to monitor corporate compliance, and to serve as a public voice addressing questions critical to the elimination of sweatshop practices must be established; (iii) to prevent environmental racism such as the locating of dumping sites or polluting industries on or near the lands of first nations peoples;

(iv) to institute a provision for students to repay loans through job creation programs, or through community service with union wage in a way that would not impact on job creation. This program would complement provincial loan remission

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programs. Community service job development permitting students to have work experience in a way that would not jeopardize existing jobs or undercut fair union wages and benefits. Funds relocated and designated: (i) 500 million relocated from Solicitor General to promote youth-related programs, and 1 billion from the Department of Defence, 4 million from Parliament and Senate, 1 million from Governor General, and a contribution from judges salaries to the Anti-Poverty Fund for poor children and their families.

CANADIAN HERITAGE

Through the Department Report, the following objective has been enunciated:

"Objective is to build a strong society in which Canadians participate, celebrate and give expression to their values and heritage". Cultural Development and Heritage helps create an environment in which Canada's heritage is preserved and made accessible, artistic expression can flourish, cultural markets develop thereby ensuring the availability of, and access to, Canadian arts, heritage, broadcasting products and services." To achieve this objective, Canada is a signatory of the Convention on the Protection of Cultural and Natural Heritage, and has a responsibility to preserve sites of value in Canada, and not created "islands of protection" -- preserved sites surrounded by inappropriate development. Too often, significant sites are lost because of lack of political will to curb resource extraction. In addition, the practice ---of developers purchasing sensitive land with significant ecosystem, hiring consultants to identify features that would trigger an environmental assessment and then proceed to destroy the features--must end. Funds should be relocated from the Foreign Affairs budget for "Safe Anti-racism Sites" across Canada and should be redirected as additional funding for CBC, and additional funds for the Status of Women.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

The department should be dismantled and the funds reassigned and transferred across Canada to allow First Nations to manage their own affairs within a framework of public trust principles so that the following Department commitment will be acted upon:

"We will be guided by the findings and recommendations of the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples which provides eloquent testimony to the need for fundamental changes in relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians". Redirect funding away from promoting corporate/First Nations exploitative development into the implementing the Royal Commission report on First Nations.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Redirect funds to promote environmentally sound alternative transportation. At Habitat II (1996) , Canada made a commitment to move away from car-dependency; the question is no longer whether or not to move away from car-dependency but how. At UNCED (1992), Canada made a commitment to promote environmentally sound public transportation. Substantial funding should be redirected to preventing harm through regulation not through "clean-up and mitigation's", and to enacting legislation across Canada to ensure compliance with the Convention on Biological Diversity, including Endangered Species legislation and with the previous obligation incurred in response to the Framework Convention on Climate Change--reduction of CO2 emissions 20% from 1990 levels by the year 2000- through removing subsidies to fossil fuel companies and through moving away from car dependency.

Redirect funding to developing environmentally sound transportation across Canada and to revitalize the railway system.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

Relocate funds from military budget to monitor compliance with international agreements and federal statutory law. Canada incurred an obligation under the Framework Convention on Climate change (1992) to reduce Greenhouse gas emissions and to conserve carbon sinks such as bogs and old growth forests. Canada has already reneged on its promise to reduce Greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000. Canada also incurred an obligation under the Convention on Biological Diversity (1992) to conserve biodiversity with no distinction between public and private land, or between provinces. Funding should be redirected to the prevention of harm, to the implementation of the precautionary principle, and to establish Mandatory Standards and Regulations to drive industry towards socially equitable and environmentally sound practices. 2010 was the international year for biodiversity.

Principle should rule industry and not be overruled by industry. Voluntary compliance measures such as ISO 14000 should be discontinued. In two recent UN conferences every member state of the UN including Canada undertook to ensure that corporations including transitional comply with international law including international environmental law. These Mandatory Standards and Regulations should be based on the following principles:

- The "precautionary principle" - where there are threats of environmental degradation lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent the harm (Rio Declaration, UNCED, 1992)**

- The "reverse-onus principle" - the proponent of an intervention into an ecosystem shall be required to demonstrate the safety of the intervention rather than the opponent of the intervention having to demonstrate harm (principle endorsed by the Federal Department of Environment)**

- **Principle 16 The "polluter pay" principle (Rio Declaration, 1992)**
- **Principle 21 The respect for the inherent worth of nature beyond human purpose (World Charter of Nature, 1982)**
- **Principle 2 The "compensatory principle" (Agenda 21, 1992)**
- **Principle 10 The disaster prevention principle (Habitat II, 1996)**
- **the ecological footprint reduction principle (habitat II, 1996)**
- **Principle 2 The "non-transference of substances or activities that are harmful to human health or the environment" principle - states should prevent the transfer to other states of activities or substances that cause environmental damage or that are harmful to human health (Rio Declaration, UNCED, 1992)**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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To redirect the funding to health promotion and disease prevention through invoking the precautionary principle and through emphasizing prevention, including eliminating environmentally induced health risks. Funding must be redirected into research into prevention of environmentally induced illnesses. To replace the current food guide with a new Canada food Guide based on the recommendations of the Physicians committee for responsible Medicine (PCRM) as a model. A new Canada Food Guide will recommend the New four Food Groups which the PCRM recommends, i.e (1) fruits grain and 4 legumes with other items mentioned as foods that people may choose to eat but not recommended as ideal or necessary for health

To redirect the emphasis of the department to health promotion and disease prevention rather than to “health Prevention”. The department claims that its object is the following:

"to provide Canadians with health surveillance that anticipates, prevents and responds to health risks posed by diseases, food, water, drugs, pesticides, medical devices, environmental and occupational hazards, consumer goods and other socio-economic determinants of health (Ministry of Health" To act on this commitment the Ministry must invoke the precautionary principle and emphasize prevention, including eliminating environmentally induced health risks, and funding must be redirected into research into prevention of environmentally induced illnesses.

HEALTH Maintaining existing budget but adding funds from the current military budget. Emphasis should be on maintaining a universal accessible public health system and on preventive medicine.

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Redirect funds into the establishing of programs to prevent environmentally induced health problems and to informing other department of the health implications of current an proposed practices so that the emphasis will be on Prevention of harm.

Emphasis on prevention and public universal accessible health care system

Promote alternatives to surgery

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Implement an educational program that informs the public about the necessity of uncontaminated food

Redirecting 1.88 billion into the establishing of programs to prevent environmentally induced health problems and to informing other departments of the health implication of current and proposed practices so that the emphasis will b on prevention of harm

Redirecting into banning substances and activities that are harmful to human health ,and into preventive medicine

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Medical research Council redirection of funds to prevention and to assessment of Environmentally induced illness.

Hazardous Materials information redirected to banning hazardous materials and to developing environmentally benign substitutes

***AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD (1,976, 310,000)**

Renamed DEPARTMENT OF ECO-AGRICULTURE

Citizens have a human right to unadulterated healthy food. The human right to unadulterated healthy food is essential and must be based on the precautionary principle. The Food Inspection Branch in the Department of Agriculture has been derelict in the exercising of its duty to protect the food supply in Canada. Funds from the Department of Agriculture must be redirected from "working with the Agribusiness sector to develop and produce competitive products and processes, to increase production...to help position the Canadian agri-food sector to meet its objectives.." to promoting and supporting organic farming and other ecologically sound farming practices, and to assisting farmers and communities to ban GE foods and crops and convert from pesticide-dependent and GE-dependent farming and communities.

All research grants to universities must be directed towards promoting the public trust.

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Moving away from chemical based agriculture including banning genetically engineered food and hormone treated meat to promoting organic chemical pesticide-free growing practices

Redirecting Agriculture and Agribusiness to eco-agriculture Eliminating and banning the use of chemical products in agriculture

Institute regulations requiring organic growing

Provide subsidies for transition of farms into organic growing

Promote preservation of and maintenance of Agricultural land reserves of arable land

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-Promote preservation of and maintenance of Agricultural land reserves of arable land.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES/OCEANS

Canada at the international level has incurred obligations to protect the marine environment and community watersheds. Nationally, the federal government has failed to implement sufficiently the Federal Fisheries Act in enforcing the section which designates as a crime the deposit of deleterious substances that could contribute to loss or reduction of fish habitat. In addition, the federal government under the Convention on Biological Diversity has undertaken to conserve biodiversity and not create "megadiversity" through fish farming and genetically engineered fish. The funding of the Fisheries Department must be redirected to enforcing the Act, to banning fish farming and genetically engineered fish, to restoring wild stocks and ecosystems, and to assisting fishers who have been impacted by the failure of the Federal government to protect the wild stocks.

Redirecting funding to conserving fish habitat, and enforcing o the Fisheries Act related to criminal prosecutions for depositing deleterious substances that could cause loss of fish habitat

Department of Fisheries (Enact the necessary legislation to discharge obligations under Law of the Seas and to

maintain pristine Marine parks

Prevent all logging near fish bearing streams

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Enforce not gut section 35 of the Fisheries Act which designates as a criminal offence the deposit of any deleterious substance that could contribute to loss or reduction of fish habitat

Place a moratorium on all fish farming

Ban all further salmon aquaculture license and ban both the transfer of Atlantic Salmon to BC and the use of Genetic engineering in the Fish industry.

Invoke the precautionary principle

Provide transition funding to support fishers impacted by reduced stocks

Ensure the right to subsistence as provided in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

***DEPARTMRNT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RENAMED* DEPARTMENT OF SOCIALLY
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Funds are redirected from subsidizing Military and corporate wants and neglecting human and environmental needs.

Internationally Canada has undertaken to move away from logging old growth, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to conserve carbon sinks, and to conserve biodiversity, including endangered species, Funding must be redirected away from deregulation, voluntary compliance (ISO 14,000) to Mandatory International Normative Standards (MINS) based on international principles drawn from obligations incurred through conventions, treaties; and commitments made through conference action plans. There must be a phasing out of sunset industries (nuclear, fossil fuel) coupled with a fair and just transition program for affected workers and communities, and with the active promotion of environmentally sound alternative energy (as agreed to in numerous international agreements). All further transfers of Plutonium from dismantled nuclear weapons and sales of CANDU reactors must be prohibited.

Redirecting funds into developing environmentally sound energy, transportation

Transferring .funds into developing environmentally sound energy, transportation and BEST (Best Environmentally Sound Techniques) practices. All decisions in this department including those related to forests must be in compliance with the Convention on Biological Diversity (invoking the precautionary principle to justify the banning of environmentally unsound practices that contribute to the reduction or loss of biodiversity) and with the Framework Convention on Climate Change (conserving carbon sinks)

All further promotion and sale of CANDU reactors cease including to those countries that are part of the CANDU Group (Korea - 2 sold and built 2 under construction; Argentina 1 sold and built; Rumania 1 sold and built second half built; China sold loan , Turkey current bid with possible loan.)

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All subsidies to fossil fuel and nuclear industry must cease and funding redirected to conservation and to the development of environmentally sound alternatives such as solar, wind, and tidal etc.

***Transferring funds into fulfilling Canada's commitment at the Habitat II Conference to move away from car-dependency, reducing the ecological footprint, developing environmentally sound transportation. In addition to assist Canada in discharging its obligations under the Climate change Convention to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. (a Convention that Canada has been in violation of since Canada signed and ratified the Convention in 1992).**

PART OF THE PROBLEM (POP) FUND

Relocating .33 billion from the Part of the Problem fund for child care and relocating. 4 billion from the POP fund to increasing assistance of the homeless. Relocating 1.5 billion loan PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO CHINA FOR CANDU SALES, FOR COMMUNITY LOAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DISENFRANCHISED IN THE COMMUNITIES (1 BILLION AND FOR THE PHASING OUT OF SUNSETTING INDUSTRIES AND THE PROMOTING OF JUST/FAIR TRANSITION OF AFFECTED WORKERS AND COMMUNITIES (.5 BILLION).

The items listed in this fund represent government spending that undermines the Criteria of Public Trust.

IMF 31,800,000 Finance

Structural adjustment program 186,000,000 Finance

Brettons Wood 9,000,000 Finance

Payment to Hibernia project 58,000,000 Finance

Canadian International trade tribunal 7,949,000 Finance

Commitment to multilateral debt reduction 172,000,000 Finance

Canadian Trade Tribunal 7.000.000 Finance

NAFTA 2,180,000 Foreign Affairs

International Business development 222,762,000 Foreign Affairs

Trade and economic policy 117,572,000 Foreign Affairs

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International security cooperation 504,993,000 Foreign Affairs

Corporate services 211,941,000 Foreign Affairs

Grants

Export Market development 2,000,000 Foreign Affairs

Asia Pacific International business dev 212,000 Foreign Affairs

Asia Pacific initiatives 673,000 Foreign Affairs

Contributions

under export development 10,020,000 Foreign Affairs

Asia Pacific international bus development 1,052,000 Foreign Affairs

IAEA 11,997,000 Foreign Affairs

World Trade Organization 5,231,000 Foreign Affairs

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Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development 8,911,000 Foreign Affairs

Nuclear Energy Agency OECD 503,000 Foreign Affairs

Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation 415,000 Foreign Affairs

NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) 12,971,000 Foreign Affairs

NATO Science programs 2,756,000 Foreign Affairs

InterAmerican Institute for Agricultural

cooperation 4,662,000

Contribution to Asian Pacific Initiatives 1, 844,000 Foreign Affairs

Canadian Commercial Corporation 10,742,000 Foreign Affairs

Export Development 398,700,000 Foreign Affairs

Contributions to results oriented 925,000 Human Resources

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Fund accounts

GRANTS

International Business Development

▯▯▯ **Asia Pacific International Business Development 100,000**

▯▯▯ **Program for Export Market Development 2,000,000**

International Security and Cooperation

▯▯▯ **United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture▯ 25,000**

▯▯▯▯ **Consular▯ and international organizations 5,392,000**

▯▯▯▯ **Real estate▯ properties 16,000**

Public Diplomacy

□□□ **Aid of academic relations** (+)13,600,00

□□□ **Aid of cultural relations** (+) 5,494,000

□□□ **International Baccalaureat Office** 4,000

Corporate Services

□□□ **Foreign Service Community Association** 15,000

□□□ **Payments under Diplomatic Service superannuation Act** 250,000

CONTRIBUTIONS

International Business Development

□□ **Technology development with Europe** 90,000

□□□ **Program for Export Market Development** (+.0059) 9,520,000

□□□ **Asia-Pacific International Business Development** 300,000

Trade and Economic Policy

□□□

International Commodity Organizations (+)397,000

□□□ **International Energy Agency (+)1,072,000**

□□□ **World Trade Organization (+) 5,285,000**

□□□ **OECD (+)7,724,000**

□□□ **OECD education and research (+) 154000**

□□□ **OECD nuclear (+) 402,000**

□□□ **World Intellectual Property Organization(+ 350,000) 603,000**

APEC Secretariat (+) 579,000

□□ **Wassenaar Arrangement (+) 53,000**

International Security and Cooperation

□□□ **Cultural and Technical Cooperation Francophone (+)13,042,000**

□□□ **Commonwealth foundation (+) 1,477,000**

□□□ **Commonwealth Secretariat (+) 5,410,000**

□□□ **Commonwealth Youth Program (+)1,674,000**

□□□ **Food and Agriculture Organization (-)14,408,000**

□□□ **International Civil Aviation Organization □ 1,934,000**

□□□ **NATO Civil Administration (+) 12,087,000**

□□□ **NATO Science (-)2,517,000**

□□□ **International French-speaking community (+) 792,000**

□□□ **Secretariat...sports de pays francaise □ (+) 66,000**

□□□ **UN Fund for Indigenous Populations 30,000**

UNESCO 15,970,000

UN Organization (+) 52,375,000

World Health Organization (+) 18,071,000

Projects from Francophone summits 5,550,000

Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the

Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (+) 3,586,000

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (+.007) 10,036,000

Non-proliferation Arms Control and Disarmament (+) 619,000

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization *4,412,000

Permanent Secretariat of the UN

Convention on Biological Diversity 1,100,000

Canadian Interests abroad (+) 600,000

Foreign policy consultation research and outreach 1,553,000

□□ **UN Voluntary Fund for the Environment**925,000

□□ **Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission** □ (+) 985,000

□□ **Organization of American States (+)** 13,984,000

□□ **Peace Implementation Council (+)** 1,192,000

□□ **Permanent Court of Arbitration (+)** 32,000

□□ **International Fact Finding Commission** 11,000

□□ **Asia-Pacific Initiatives (+)**1,669,000

□□ **International Social Service Canada** 60,000

□□ **International Seabed Authority** *242,000

□□ **Peacebuilding Program** 850,000

□□ **International environmental agreements** *200,000

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☐☐ **International Year 2000 Preparedness Initiatives *350,000**

☐☐ **Canadian Landmine Fund *350,000**