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Proposed Environmental Actions

1. Promote the concept of an Earth Charter, as presently being considered around the world for adoption by the United Nations.
2. Encourage the government of Canada to ensure that this nation achieves the goal agreed to in the Kyoto convention for the reduction of global warming.
3. Promote the enactment of strong legislation to identify and protect threatened and endangered species and their habitats.
4. Consider and support research into and development of alternative energy sources to replace fossil fuels.
5. Develop a position on biotechnology that considers its potential impacts on human health, biodiversity, global food supplies, the farm community and the economy at home and abroad.
6. Promote an Environmental Bill of Rights which guarantees all people the right to a healthy environment and requires government to enact measures that will ensure the preservation of such an environment.
7. Promote a Sustainability Act in each province to formalize a commitment to social, environmental and economic sustainability.
8. Develop action plans to identify and promote lifestyle choices that will benefit the environment.
9. Encourage the Government of Canada to strengthen the mandate of the Health Protection Branch in view of weaknesses revealed during recent assessments of biotechnology proposals.
10. Urge the enactment of legislation requiring the Department of Defence and the defence industry to be financial responsible for safe disposal of hazardous materials.

Congregations have also expressed interest in developing action plans in such areas as population and economic growth, vegetarianism, urban farming, composting, and urban design with emphasis on densification.

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