

86.4 The Conservation of Canada's Arctic Heritage

Whereas, Canada has jurisdiction over a significant portion of the fragile Arctic regions of the Earth;
Whereas, Canada, as signatory to the Stockholm Declaration and the World Heritage Convention of 1972, has committed

the Government and the people of Canada to conserve and protect for the world the resources within our boundaries;

Whereas, Environment Canada has expressed concern for this environmentally sensitive terrain and ecosystems of the

Special Places of the North;

Whereas, Canada supports the World Conservation Strategy, which identifies areas congruent with those listed by Environment

Canada; and,

Whereas, The Northern Conservation Task Force Report recommends that conservation strategy include the immediate

establishment of a comprehensive network of protected areas; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to take immediate action, on

the basis of National Priority, to establish the protected areas as recommended by Environment Canada, the

Northern Conservation Task Force Report and World Conservation Strategy, thus acknowledging Canada's

recognition of responsibility and commitment to the conservation of our Arctic regions as part of the World's

heritage; and further

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to consult with and ensure the

participation of indigenous residents of areas to be affected in any deliberations on the conservation of Canada's

Arctic Heritage.