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91.1 Child Access Centres

- a) to provide leadership and financial resources toward the development of Child Access Centres in the Province of Ontario.

91.2 Child Welfare

- a) to encourage the development of a system of support services within the child welfare system that would be readily available to families when difficulties arise that could lead to the removal from their natural parents, with the consequent dissolution of families

91.3 Eliminating Child Poverty

- a) reiteration of existing policy (1988) and
- b) to urge the Government of Ontario to fully implement the recommendations of the Social Assistance Review Committee (SARC) to set an example for the Province of Canada by adopting as its goal, the reduction of the number of families in poverty by providing more adequate income support
- c) and by improving opportunities for self-support.

91.4 Gypsy Moth

- a) to escalate and renew efforts to eradicate the Gypsy Moth from Ontario by the use of a non-toxic substance such as *Bacillus Thuringiensis*
- b) to provide assistance with finances and equipment to Ontario land-owners in their personal assistance to townships and municipalities in their efforts to eradicate the Gypsy Moth.

91.5 Incineration

- a) to implement the use of incineration to deal with solid waste and with hazardous waste
- b) to enforce, without exemption, the Ontario Environmental Act standards with respect to incineration

91.6 The Interdiction of Unauthorized Hazardous Waste Entering Canada

- a) to inspect dumps regularly
- b) enforce safe disposal regulations and
- c) establish high landfill- use charges
- d) make Canadian sites less economically viable for American waste disposal companies.

91.7 Labelling of Prescriptive Drugs

- a) to ensure that prescription writers, doctors and dentists, be required to provide precise instructions in prescriptions
- b) that precise instructions for use are noted on the labels of the prescriptive medications
- c) that the purpose (rash, pain etc.) of the medication is also clearly noted on the labels
- d) that pharmacists are instructed to obtain such information from the doctor if the prescription does not clearly describe directions for use
- e) that pharmacists be instructed not to cover the original label on a container when placing their own label
- f) upon request, pharmacists provide written information on possible side effects

91.8 Long-Term Housing Strategy

- a) to develop and implement a comprehensive, long-term Ontario Housing strategy which includes a renewed non-profit housing initiative and addresses the lack of available affordable land

91.9 Packaging Reduction

- a) to fully endorse the National Packaging Protocol with its six policies and its Milestone targets as follows:
- b) that all packaging shall have minimal effects on the environment
- c) that priority will be given to the management of packaging through source reduction, reuse and recycling

- d) that a continuing campaign of information and education will be undertaken for making all citizens aware of the function and the environmental impact of packaging
- e) the policies to apply for all packaging in Canada including imports
- f) the regulations will be implemented as necessary to achieve compliance with these policies
- g) all government policies and practices affecting packaging will be consistent with these national policies:
- h) by December 31, 1991, all Provinces must have in place a nationally co-ordinated data collection program to make possible the monitoring of the following Milestone Targets
- i) by December 31, 1992, packaging sent for disposal shall be no more than eighty percent of the amount sent in 1988
- j) by December 31, 1996, packaging sent for disposal shall be no more than sixty-fivepercent of the amount in 1988
- k) by December 31, 2000, packaging sent for disposal shall be no more than fifty percent of the amount sent in 1988

91.10 Preservation of Tree Cover in Southern Ontario

- a) to take the necessary action to ensure that financial incentives are put in place to make it economically preferable for a developer to dedicate land for conservation in its natural forested state
- b) that priority is placed on retaining larger areas in their natural state and maintaining corridors of natural vegetation which link those areas together
- c) that an Urban Trees Act be written to provide for protection of trees in private ownership
- d) that the Conservation Land Act be expanded to include locally significant natural areas, woodlands and wetland.

91.11 Purple Loosestrife

- a) to designate Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum Salicaria*) as a noxious weed and prohibit the import, sale and transport of plants and seeds
- b) to undertake a provincial program to eradicate, safely, Purple Loosestrife in Ontario
- c) to educate and assist the public on measures which can be taken to combat Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum Salicaria*).

91.12 Services to Youth: 16-18 Years of Age

- a) to promote co-ordinated services to youth 16-18 years of age by providing greater financial resources to youth serving agencies
- b) to include in Municipal or Regional Social Services in the Province.

91.13 The United Nations Convention - on the Rights of the Child

- a) to move with haste to amend Ontario Legislation which violates the Articles of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child

91.14 Urban Transit

- a) use of 'environmentally fuels"
- b) and, to accelerate research to make engines more "environmentally friendly
- c) promote public awareness through education programs and campaigns of the environmental benefits of increased transit usage.

91.15 Urban Transit

- a) to place a high priority on public transit within its Provincial program to reduce air pollution
- b) to provide funding subsidies for the construction of rapid transit facilities and the purchase of rapid transit rolling stock
- c) the retro fitting of diesel bus engines to other, more "environmentally friendly" fuels
- d) accelerate research to make current engines more "environmentally friendly
- e) support public education programs and campaigns promoting public awareness of the environmental benefits of transit and increased transit usage and investment

- f) Local Councils to press their respective municipal/regional governments to adopt similar priorities for promoting increased use of urban transport.

91.16 Worker Training in Ontario

- a) to rapidly organize a system of Training and Adjustment boards to be responsible for on-the-job skills training in Ontario