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G06-p40: Unpatentable Drugs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** will advocate the creation of a research department of Health **Canada** to perform the necessary clinical trials on promising unpatentable drugs and the fostering of international cooperation in the research of unpatentable medication and that such henceforth be the policy of the **Green Party of Canada**.

G06-p25: Needs Based Grants not Millennium Scholarship Foundation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** support the elimination of federal funding for the Millennium Scholarship Foundation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** support the replacement of student aid funds budgeted for the Millennium Scholarship Foundation being redirected into need based grants allocated through the existing Canadian National Student Loan Program.

G06-p22: Access to Education Plan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** develop an "access to education plan" that will include but not be limited to: budgeting of adequate federal transfer payments and financial aid, working with the provinces to set goals for tuition fee harmonization and reduction to manageable levels as well as improving equity of access in other ways.

G06-p16: Cancer Prevention

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The **Green Party of Canada** will work with all levels of government to act immediately to eliminate exposure to known and suspected carcinogens, in our homes, schools, workplaces and ecosystems to create a Toxic-Free **Canada** and that this will be enabled by, among other things:

1. the immediate implementation of product labeling laws requiring the disclosure of all possible, probable and known carcinogens, so that people can make informed purchase choices.
2. the implementation of government procurement contracts requiring vendors to provide carcinogen-free products.
3. working with stakeholders to develop a Toxics Use and Products Reduction Act that will provide incentives for industry to reduce the amounts of toxic chemicals used.
4. adding significant pollution taxes to all products containing known or suspected carcinogens.
5. meeting, and even exceeding, the chemical stewardship goals of the European Unions REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals) legislation and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM).
6. funding a national Just Transition Commission to ensure that workers are able to shift from toxic jobs and industries to sustainable, equitable employment opportunities in healthy communities.
7. striking an independent, multi-stakeholder, **Green** Chemistry Task Force that will explore legislative and other mechanisms to encourage the design, manufacture, and use of chemicals that are safer for biological and ecological systems.

G06-p27: **Green** Research Incentives

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** support the implementation of federal Incentives for "green research" to be done on such topics as renewable energy, smart growth and environmental restoration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** support the targeting of "green research" funding to applied research at community colleges

G06-p46: Online Tax Returns

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** advocate that Revenue **Canada** be instructed to provide, as soon as possible, a method available without charge to all taxpayers to file income tax returns over the Internet, and that such henceforth be the policy of the **Green Party of Canada**.

G06-p24: Eco-Literacy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** support the delivery of Ecological Literacy Curriculum to be developed in partnership with the provinces

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** explore opportunities to support the work of environmentally conscious educators by drawing attention to their achievements and facilitating dialogue.

G06-p21: Renewable Energy Incentives

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The **Green Party of Canada** will work to have the Government of **Canada** enhance and extend the Wind Power Production Incentive which pays the operators of wind turbines 1.2 cents per kilowatt-hour of electricity produced for the first ten years of the turbine's life, in addition to any amount otherwise received from the sale of the power, to pay the incentive for the electricity produced from up to 10,000 megawatts of installed turbine capacity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The **Green Party of Canada** will work to have the Government of **Canada** provide an enhanced incentive for projects in provinces with approved Advanced Renewable Tariffs that provide power purchase contracts for a diversity of small renewable energy projects.

G06-p30: Nuclear Phase-Out and Nuclear Waste

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** work to make nuclear phase-out and nuclear waste major **Green Party** issues with the Canadian public.

G06-p55: Ecological Footprint Analyses

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the **Green Party of Canada**

- i. Advocate that **Canada** adopt the use of Ecological Footprint analyses as a key indicator of the performance of Canadian society;
- ii. Call upon policy research institutes, financial institutions, and all levels of government to add these indicators to the traditional types of analyses and reports when they are publishing views on the performance of our society and our country;
- iii. Emphasize wherever possible that increasing levels of consumption will soon make population growth in **Canada** ecologically unsustainable – and that Canadians must make hard choices on the type of future we want;
- iv. Develop and support public policies that reflect such choices;
- v. Carry forward these views to international fora and debates in order to help focus World attention on this issue, to learn from the experiences of other countries and, whenever possible, to assist them to come to grips with this massive challenge.

G06-p52: Climate Change Effects

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** develop policies that deal with existing and anticipated environmental effects of climate change in every area of federal mandate.

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G06-p20: Product Disposal Tax and System

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The **Green Party of Canada** will work to have legislation passed to establish an excise tax levied on the production or import of all products including packaging, which impose a cost on or damage to the public or damage to wildlife in their use, or for their safe disposal after use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Most of the tax, beyond amounts required for research and development and for administration on the federal level, will be remitted to such provinces as undertake to

transmit the money (beyond necessary provincial expenses for the program) to the municipalities which deal with garbage, discarded products and packaging, and sewage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The amount of the tax will be sufficient to cover the expenses of the municipalities and other governments in dealing with garbage, discarded products and packaging, preventing harm to the public from this source, accomplishing waste reduction, reuse and recycling wherever feasible, and within twenty-five years after the start of the program, substantially eliminating landfill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A federal authority will be established to administer the federal portion of the program, and manufacturers or vendors which can and will assume full product responsibility at a reduced cost, or reduce system costs by changes in the product, may negotiate a reduced tax on their product.

G06-p53: GMOs in Forestry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a **Green Party** government ban the propagation of genetically engineered trees and the use of any **pesticides** that have been genetically engineered.

G06-p50: Recycling

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** of **Canada** advocate that legislation be enacted requiring all vendors of goods to accept back the packaging and used goods for re-use, recycling or appropriate disposal, and that such henceforth be the policy of the **Green Party** of **Canada**.

G06-p57: National Parks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** of **Canada** urge the Federal, Provincial and Aboriginal Governments of **Canada** to cooperate in completing the network of National Parks without further delay.

G06-p17: Organic management of plant diseases, weeds and insects

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** of **Canada** advocate for the establishment of a network of artisanal and decentralized biological plant protection centres across **Canada** for the purpose of researching and producing local ecological solutions to combat plant diseases, weeds and insect pests.

G06-p06: Reducing Car Ownership Through Shared Access

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GPC will press the federal government to:

- officially recognize the key role of car-ownership in car-dependency, sprawl, and climate change, and develop programs to get Canadians to shift to various shared-access alternatives.
- work with the four basic shared-car-access industries (taxis, car-rental, ridesharing, and carsharing) to help them grow and to work seamlessly together to allow Canadians to see them collectively as an alternative to ownership

G06-p15: **Banning Cosmetic Pesticides**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The **Green Party** of **Canada** would ban the use of all **pesticides** for **cosmetic** purposes.

G06-p67: Sustainability Within a Generation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** of **Canada** update its policy document to include the policies in the Suzuki report where they do not already exist and/or do not contradict existing policy.

G06-p51: Childcare by Parents

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** of **Canada** will develop and support policies which enable parents to care for their own children until age three.

G06-p66: The Earth Charter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** of **Canada** officially endorse The Earth Charter and use this endorsement to further awareness of The Earth Charter and its use in decision making.

G06-p08: Bill C-50

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** of **Canada** work to ensure all revisions proposed by the 2005 Bill C-50 be passed.

G06-p39: Same-sex Marriage

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** advocates the continued protection of same-sex civil marriage in **Canada** and opposes the reopening of debate on this matter and that such henceforth be the policy of the **Green Party of Canada**.

G06-c03: Defending the **Party** Against Takeover

BE IT RESOLVED THAT if the CRC recommendations pass this conference immediately puts back into place article 10 to protect article 20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Article 10, paragraph 4, 5, 6 itself in future can only be amended by the same formula as Article 20 – i.e. adding "Article 10" after the comma after article 20 so that it reads:

Notwithstanding any other provision concerning an amendment of the present document, all proposed amendments concerning Article 20, Article 10 (paragraph 4, 5, 6), the last paragraph of Article 11, or paragraph 9 of Article 8 will be adopted if:

G06-c08: Constitutional Amendment regarding eligibility for Chair of Council

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the new bylaw article 2.1.1.3 "from amongst the ten persons elected" be changed to "from amongst the members of Council"

G06-c18: General Meetings of the **Party**

G06-c18.1: That in the constitution as amended August 2004, the first paragraph of Article 9 be replaced with the following two paragraphs:

"All meetings shall be conducted under the rules of order of the **party** which must be adopted at a general meeting of the **party**. The rules of order of the **party** must be adopted at a general meeting which occurs at a minimum of every second year no more than 30 months subsequent to the previous general meeting. Decisions at a general meeting or of a federal council meeting may be in person, by post or electronic mail, or by telephone conference call."

G06-c18.2: That in the constitution as amended in August 2004, part 1 of Article 9 be re-titled to be "General Meetings of the Entire Membership"

Motion: That in the constitution and bylaws as proposed by the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) in 2006 and adopted, whichever the case may be, Article 8 be re-titled to be "General Meetings of the Entire Membership"

G06-c18.3: That in the constitution as amended August 2004, "Votes cast by post or electronic mail, or by telephone fax, must be by a procedure where the authenticity of the vote can be verified." be added after the sentence that is or was "Decisions at a general meeting or of a council meeting may be in person, by post or electronic mail, or by telephone conference call."

G06-c18.4: That in the constitution as amended August 2004, "Votes cast by post or electronic mail, or by telephone fax, must be by a process where the authenticity of the vote can be verified." be added after the sentence that is or was "Decisions at a general meeting or of a council meeting may be in person, by post or electronic mail, or by telephone conference call."

G06-c12: Principles vs. Values

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the party's constitution as amended August 2004 and the party's constitution and bylaws as proposed in 2006 and adopted, whichever the case may be, be amended by adopting one of the following three options:

a) In Article 5 (Principles) above the paragraph that starts with "Activities, policies, and statements...", add a new paragraph that reads "The above principles are values of the **party**." and in Article 5 of the constitution as amended August 2004 replace the words "with the values" with the words "with the principles of the **party**".

b) Replace all occurrences of the word "principles" with "values" (matching original capitalization).

c) Replace all occurrences of the words "**Green** Values" or "values" with "principles" (matching original capitalization).

G06-c10: Constitutional Amendment regarding Emergency Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the new bylaw article 4.3.4 "Emergency resolutions shall only be considered after all other resolutions submitted in advance have been disposed of." be removed

G06-c27: Youth Chair on Council

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** add the position of Youth Chair to Federal Council, to be appointed by Council at the earliest possible opportunity and elected at the next annual general meeting.

G06-c16: Add Deputy Leaders and More Flexibility to Shadow Cabinet

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in bylaw 6.4 of the constitution and bylaws as proposed by the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) in 2006 and adopted, whichever the case may be, be amended to:

"6.4 The Leader may appoint two (2) Deputy Leaders who are also members of the shadow cabinet."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT "two (2) Deputy Leaders" in bylaw 6.4 of the constitution and bylaws as proposed by the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) in 2006 and adopted, whichever the case may be, be amended to "up to three (3) Deputy Leaders".

G06-c07: Constitutional Amendment regarding GPC membership voting age

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the new bylaw article 1.1.1 "sixteen (16)" be changed to "fourteen (14)"

G06-c20: General Meetings vs. General Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in Article 6 the constitution and bylaws as proposed by the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) in 2006 and adopted, whichever the case may be, if not already amended or changed as such:

"6.1 the membership in general meetings of members" and

"6.2 the Federal Council when the membership is not in general meetings"

be changed to:

"6.1 the membership in general meeting" and

"6.2 the Federal Council when the membership is not in general meeting".

G06-c17: Resolutions May be Amended at a General Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the constitution as amended 2004, the following paragraph be added between the second and third paragraphs of Article 10:

"In accordance with the rules of order adopted by the meeting, the text of proposed amendments may be changed at a general meeting providing the original intent of the amendment, as received by the members with the notification of the general meeting, is maintained."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the constitution and bylaws as proposed by the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) in 2006 and adopted, whichever the case may be, the following bylaw be added:

"4.3.5 In accordance with the rules of order adopted by the meeting, the text of resolutions, including amendments to the constitution or bylaws, may be changed at a general meeting providing the original intent of the resolution or amendment, as received by the members with the notification of the general meeting, is maintained."

G06-c01: Forming another Political **Party**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Any **Green Party of Canada** member who states that they are working to form a new political **party** – whether on the web, in the media, in emails to staff, or on list serves – has given the GPC grounds for revoking their GPC membership.

G06-d25: Youth Involvement Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal Council of the **Green Party of Canada** strike a Standing Youth Organizing Committee. The members of this committee shall consist of **Green Party** Campus leaders and youth aged 16 to 25, to a maximum of 15 members, where a new member may be added if a member resigns. The Standing Youth Organizing committee shall be tasked with developing and implementing a plan to recruit more youth into the **Green Party of Canada**, increase **Green** youth voter-turn-out on election day, increase the number of **Green Party** Campus clubs nationally, and facilitate communication and support between **Green Party** Campus Clubs and the **Green Party of Canada**. They shall also research possible options in implementing a youth wing of the **party** and report these to council.

G06-d02: Leader Voting on Council

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this General Meeting asserts the right of the leader to vote on motions at federal council while being paid for fulfilling their duties as leader.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT having the leader vote along with other council members on motions at federal council is clearly not a conflict of interest for the leader – unless a resolution concerns the remuneration of the leader.

G06-d24: Federal Policy Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal Council of the **Green Party of Canada** appoint a Federal Policy Committee as a permanent body that will provide the Shadow Cabinet with ongoing academic support for policy development.

G06-d13: Online Poll to Rank Agendas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to put in place an internet-based ranking system for the ordering of resolutions according to their importance and merit. We understand that this will not be an official referendum but instead a voluntary consultation with members who have the time and opportunity to participate.

G06-d18: Climate Change Effects Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada**, with coordination from the Policy Chair, strike a committee to gather cross-**Canada** input to develop policies to deal with the effects of climate change in all

areas under federal mandate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the committee should include regional representation to ensure that the full national scope of environmental effects and related issues is addressed.

G06-d31: Well-Being Measurement Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** provide materials to all its candidates, backed up with timely press releases, so as to press the issue forward at All Candidates Meetings, with the intent of demonstrating:

o public eagerness for well-being measurement

o the willingness of all candidates, regardless of **party** allegiance, to support such legislation, thereby laying a foundation of MPs committed to pursuing well-being measurement legislation in the next parliament.

G06-d12: Membership Networking

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a web-based inventory be made of articles, cartoons, speakers, **Green Party** ads and information sources (web-sites, books, audio and audio-visual materials, workshop formats and other communications techniques), as well as skills and productive equipment that can be applied in cooperation with members and supporters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a Staff person solicit, collect, organize, and encourage the use of such materials. S/he would work with the Web Team to reach the membership to collect materials and to organize those materials on the web-site, and with the Message Team to assist with membership communications: "**Green Canada Vert**", "**Green News**" and the like.

G06-d26: Financial Reporting to Membership

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GPC report to its membership annually the financial health of the **party** (i.e. an income statement and a balance sheet), including providing evidence of expenditures on any project undertaken by the administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a resolution to accept (or reject) these financial reports be introduced as standard procedure at all general meetings of the **party**.

Passed in Plenary

G06-p26: Progressive Funding not Income Contingent Loan Repayment

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** oppose Income Contingent Loan Repayment schemes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a committee be struck, including at least 50% of people carrying student debt, to create a student education funding scheme that better serves the needs of Canadians.

G06-p47: Ballot Counting Supervision by Candidates

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** advocate that the **Canada** Elections Act part 283(1) be strengthened to assure the right of candidates or their representatives to see each individual physical ballot in such a way as to be able to verify in a simple, easily understood and reliable manner that the ballots are counted correctly, and that such henceforth be the policy of the **Green Party of Canada**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the GPC ensures that Elections **Canada** provides persons with disabilities access to such non-computerized ballots for a federal election.

G06-p69: Lobbyists

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** will advocate:

a) the requirement for all people covered by ethics rules to report any violations of the rules, and require the ethics watchdog to protect anyone who reports a violation of ethics rules from retaliation.

b) the amendment of the Access to Information legislation to strengthen the right to disclosure of information and to strengthen enforcement of the law.

c) the requirement of Ministers and senior public officials to disclose their contacts with all paid lobbyists.

d) the inclusion of measures and provisions to prevent people from exploiting any loopholes as part of lobbying and ethics rules.

e) that the Registrar for Lobbyists be appointed at arms length from government, based on merit, and that s/he, as enforcer of the Lobbyists Code of Conduct, report directly to Parliament.

G06-p18: National Dental Plan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The **Green Party of Canada** will implement a National Dental Plan, focused on oral disease prevention so that all Canadians have equal access to affordable dental care.

G06-p33: Protection for Breastfeeding

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** will work to have legislation passed to establish that anyone interfering with, distressing or harassing a woman breastfeeding an infant thereby commits an offense punishable by one or more of, being required to demonstrate having learned the benefits of breastfeeding, or community service, or a fine.

G06-p48: Online Ballot Counting Updates

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** advocate that Elections **Canada** be instructed to provide poll-by-poll ballot counts on its website at the same time as, or before, the vote totals are disseminated, and that such henceforth be the policy of the **Green Party of Canada**.

G06-p35: National Affordable Housing Program

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** will advocate a National Affordable Housing Program to include:

- o Capital grants to make possible the production of 20,000 new and 10,000 rehabilitated affordable units per year for ten years; changes in tax and mortgage insurance regulations to increase the level of private and non-profit sector housing construction;
- o Programs of rent supplements or shelter assistance for an additional 40,000 low-income households per year, for ten years;
- o Reorienting **Canada** Mortgage and Housing Corporation programs to provide credit and loan guarantees to non-profit housing organizations and cooperatives for the building and restoration of quality, energy-efficient housing for seniors, people with special-needs, and low-income families;
- o Implementing indicators of success as measurable outcomes;
- o Acting to support communities directly where provinces are unable to participate in expanding the housing supply;
- o Dedicating funding to the co-operative housing sector within all new affordable housing plans;
- o Supporting energy audits and education around energy efficiency as a priority, so that low-income households will have the tools they need to reduce their energy consumption and contribute to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- o Amending Section 38 of the Income Tax Act by extending the Act's provisions to include gifts of lands, or of land and buildings, to community land trusts as charities whose sole and lasting purpose is to provide affordable housing to families and individuals in need;
- o Encouraging innovative projects where people do things like organize their own equity co-ops and cohousing, including the rehabilitation of old buildings.
- o Creating a national training program to increase the education level of tradespeople so they would have a better understanding of emerging technologies;
- o Energy efficient design for affordable housing is the best investment of tax dollars.
- o Tax credits or other incentive for buildings that meet R-4000 standards;
- o Expanding the R-4000 housing programs to ensure that all new housing meets that standard, and offer support to those owners willing to revamp existing housing to meet the same standard;
- o Policies that would provide incentives for landlords to invest in energy-saving and water-efficient technologies;
- o Subsidizing alternative heating systems including solar, geothermal, and high efficiency wood stoves.
- o Improving support for community based self-help groups, social service agencies, independent living centers and advocacy projects.
- o Subsidizing private developers to include a percentage of affordable housing in their housing projects.

G06-p05: Sustainable Urban Development

BE IT RESOLVED THAT global trade regimes, credits and banking reserve rules be reformed to advance incentives to implement polices and practices that reduce and mitigate climate change; that **Canada** take a lead role in monetary reforms to reward sustainability, especially those that permit or encourage local adaptation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT **Canada** seek to achieve debt relief for poor countries undertaking sustainable change to their domestic economy, trade, credit and monetary practices; That it offer assistance to develop fair trade networks and implement sustainable agriculture and replace hard-currency exports with domestic markets as the primary source of wealth;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canadian domestic fiscal and credit policies be reformed also to strongly encourage sharing of best practices among local governments, provision and purchasing of sustainable and local goods and services to these; That progress towards these be reported using ISO 14064 and the UN ICLEI "ecoBudget" and "Triple Bottom Line" methods; That Canadian local governments that adopt these measures be fully supported to integrate their reporting and share their best

practices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the federal government shall support Canadian urban governments to lead the world in the tracking, reporting, exchange of practices, and all other matters related to sustainable urban development, before the ICLEI 2012 World Congress.

G06-p37: Increasing the Guaranteed Income Supplement

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** will increase the Guaranteed Income Supplement by 25% above the current level, as of August 2006.

G06-p19: Pro-Choice and Life Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** will target the problems of teen pregnancy and family preservation, by providing tax credits and vouchers to support families in all their various forms, including single-parent families, especially low income women.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** recognizes the problems caused by unwanted pregnancies and supports a multi-policy strategy to reduce them including: a) Since education is in the Provincial sphere of influence, the **Green Party of Canada** will invite the Provinces and Territories to participate in our National Strategy by ensuring the provision of adequate sex education and life skills training in all schools through the provision of increased transfer funding for all provinces. b) Ensuring adequate financial and social support for parents, particularly lone parents, low-income parents and parents with disabled children. For low-income parents we will provide a program of housing and transportation subsidies. We will also increase the Child tax Benefit to assist parents raising children. c) Financially assisting the Provinces and Territories in order to ensure adequate provision of free family planning advice by properly trained health workers and counselors and the provision of free contraceptives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** will not support any laws on abortions that would aim to make it more difficult for women to obtain them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** believes that counselling should be offered to every woman considering an abortion. However, the ultimate decision about whether or not to terminate a pregnancy should always lie with the pregnant woman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** will put greater efforts towards preventing unwanted pregnancies and encourage adoption while offering real support and meaningful alternatives for women at greater risk for unwanted pregnancies, especially for low-income women.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** will advocate tax credits that facilitate the ability of mothers and pregnant teenagers to financially and socially support the raising of their babies. If circumstances prevent this, the child's immediate or extended natural family will be provided the tax credit support and encourage them to raise the child.

G06-p36: Child Care Tax Reduction

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** will explore amending the Income Tax Act to allow the childcare expense deduction to be claimed by families where one parent stays at home to care for the children.

G06-p07: Funding to Organizations Enforcing the Criminal Code of **Canada**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** advocate for federal budgets that allocate funding to SPCAs and humane societies for their responsibilities for investigating animal abuse offences under the Criminal Code of **Canada**.

G06-p32: The Issue of Racism

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** work to support and exemplify anti-racist policies and practices with the Canadian public.

G06-p31: The Issue of Poverty

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** work to make ending poverty in **Canada** a priority issue.

G06-p29: Vacation Entitlement

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **party** will enact federal legislation and work with provincial jurisdictions to enact the following vacation standard and also enact this internally: Increase the minimum annual paid

vacation entitlement for all workers to 4 weeks (20 days).

G06-p45: Driving Offences

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** advocate that sentencing for criminal driving offenses be modified to place more emphasis on revoking driving licenses for longer periods of time and on community service orders and rehabilitation and prevention programs, and that such henceforth be the policy of the **Green Party of Canada**.

G06-p59: NRTEE municipal funding criteria

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** support the criteria recommended by National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE).

G06-p42: Fair Trade, Not Free Trade

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** recommit to the general international **Green** principle of fair trade and not free trade, a central focus of the international World Social Forum to which Greens and environmental movements have been strongly committed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** recommit to its historic policy of promoting new international trade and investment agreements that promote human rights, labour rights, social justice, peace and protection of the environment and recognizes the right of less developed countries to use protective tariffs to advance self-reliance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** recommit to the cancellation of the debt of less developed countries and the restriction on continued wealth transfers from less developed countries to the rich countries

G06-p60: NAFTA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of **Canada** should immediately provide the required six months' notice of its withdrawal from NAFTA. If negotiations ensue, the minimum necessary terms for **Canada** are: elimination of the chapter 11 clause; the removal of the proportionality clause on energy exports; a guarantee that bulk water transfers are exempt; and inclusion of binding social environmental standards within that agreement.

G06-p03: **Canada's** Military Involvement in Afghanistan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** call for an end to **Canada's** current involvement in the NATO-led military campaign in southern Afghanistan, and advocate that **Canada** instead strictly confine its efforts to peacekeeping, rebuilding infrastructure, and humanitarian work to improve the lives of the people of Afghanistan. The military security aspect would strategically best be undertaken by the United Nations or other appropriate nations and Canadian troops would cease undertaking offensive military operations.

G06-p64: Military Reduction

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** repeal its current policy of a 50% reduction in armed forces budget and create a new policy mandating the funding and supporting reallocation of resources to alternate conflict resolution, eco system protection, disaster relief, and strengthening of the UN.

G06-p13: Assessment of Nuclear Plants

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** opposes Cameco's uranium conversion plants in Port Hope and any new power generating plants proposed to be built in **Canada** and demands an independent full panel review environmental assessment for any proposed plants.

G06-p11: Enhanced Nuclear Policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **party** calls for:

1. The institution of an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspection programme of all nuclear arms and civil nuclear energy facilities including those in possession of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.
2. The full implementation of on-site dismantling of existing stocks of nuclear weapons as agreed to under Article VI of the Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT).
3. The elimination of the use of Depleted Uranium (DU), and the inclusion of DU under the NPT treaty, and in the Geneva Protocol of prohibited weapons.
4. The acknowledgement of the irreversible environmental, social, health, and economic consequences of the production, distribution and use of nuclear arms of all forms.
5. The use of the International Court of Justice to launch a case related to the possession of nuclear weapons being contrary to international humanitarian law, and in violation of the Geneva Protocol on prohibited weapons.
6. The endorsement of the treaty proposed for the abolition of nuclear weapons.
7. The institution of a global ban on the mining and export of uranium.
8. The discontinuation of the circulation and berthing of nuclear powered and/or armed vessels in Canadian waters.

G06-p63: National LEED Building Code

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** encourage the adoption of the most appropriate aspects of building construction and operation standards from sustainable construction certification programs (such as LEED) and that these changes to the National Building Code be supported by appliance standards, tax incentives, financial incentives, (such as Energuide and CBIP), and incentives for involvement by trades and financial institutions and that these changes lead to a significant reduction in energy and water consumptions for all new residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional developments.

G06-p43: Defense Policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** recommits to the international **Green** pillar of nonviolence, working for a culture of peace and cooperation between states, the rejection of militarism, and the commitment to economic and social development, environmental safety and respect for human rights;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** recommits to its historic policy of promoting multilateral disarmament, peaceful resolution of conflict, military conversion, support for United Nations peacekeeping operations, and the strengthening of the United Nations through reform of the Security Council and the expansion of the role of the General Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** will review **Canada's** membership in military alliances including NATO and NORAD and recommit to its opposition to nuclear weapons, and a ban on the export of military equipment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** supports international law, the general principles of the United Nations, and the right of all countries to self-determination and democracy. We also support the key founding principle of the Organization of American States, of which **Canada** is a member: the right of all countries to be free from military intervention by other countries except under the United Nations Responsibility to Protect doctrine.

G06-p54: Supply Management Programs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** advocate that **Canada** adopt a strong defence of our supply management programs in WTO negotiations on the basis that these programs must be used to ensure that domestic environmental, health, and social values are protected in these parts of our society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** urge the Government of **Canada** to immediately embark on discussions with representatives of the supply management sectors regarding ways of converting these sectors into models of ecological, economic, and social performance designed to enhance the well-being of both producers and consumers of these products; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** advocate that these discussions encompass the following areas:

- o improving on-farm environmental performance;
- o ensuring the highest levels of food security and safety;
- o shifting to organic methods of production;
- o contributing to clean, locally-produced energy for farming and other uses;
- o ways whereby local production can be more readily matched with local consumption;
- o ways whereby government and industry should collaborate to achieve the foregoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** not penalize third world farmers through supply management programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the GPC include the protection of small and organic farmers in **Canada** in supply management programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by GPC that the current supply management system be amended to improve accessibility by small and organic farmers in **Canada**."

G06-p34: Agriculture Policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the platforms and policies of the **Green Party of Canada** henceforth separate the topics of Agriculture and Fisheries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** incorporate the following points into the platform and policy for Agriculture:

- o Require all foods in **Canada** to clearly label genetically modified organisms (GMO) content.
- o Develop and implement training to ease the transition to organic farming funded by transferring tax

revenue collected from a health and environment tax placed on non-organic **pesticides** and other non-organic input chemicals for farming and **cosmetic** lawn maintenance.

- o Offer a one-time tax break incentive for grocers to renovate their produce departments to include a local and/or organic section.
- o Additional transfer payments made to provinces with Agriculture and Vocational Agriculture post-secondary education programs in order to massively reduce or eliminate tuition for those programs.
- o Provincial governments will be encouraged to develop agriculture focused secondary school programs.
- o Implement and enforce the registry for all newborn cattle and require BSE testing for all cattle entering the food system.
- o A follow-up to the 5% biofuel content target of 2010. The GPC will promote 10% biofuel content by 2015 and 20% by 2020.
- o GST and other taxes will be collected from consumers only on the percentage of non-renewable resource fuel. The biofuel portion will be tax-exempt.
- o Shift government supported research away from GMO biotechnology towards organic food production and efficient biofuel crop development.
- o Implement a "**Canada** First" purchasing policy for all Canadian Government departments that purchase food with an emphasis on purchasing within the host province as preferential.

G06-p04: Bioregionally-Sensitive Policy Structure

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** shall strike regional committees in common with the **Green Party** of the United States and other key actors and players as defined by the GPC in all border regions where ecosystems are shared (for example, Gulf of Maine, Great Lakes, Plains/Prairies, Yellowstone to Yukon, Algonquin to Adirondack, Pacific Coastal) across the **Canada** – US border, and shall work towards common policy that tends toward stronger rather than weaker protections on both sides of that border and that such henceforth be the practice of the **Green Party of Canada**.

G06-p28: Atlantic Fisheries

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party** of Canada's fisheries policy will be governed by these principles:

- o The fishery is a public resource to be managed for the benefit of all Canadians, not special interest groups.
- o Fisheries management has two fundamental goals, both science-based: (1) protecting biodiversity and the ecological processes that underlie marine ecosystems and the fishery; and (2) managing commercial species through the precautionary approach. Management decisions will be based on these goals and not on regional employment or political considerations.
- o Access to the resource must be accessible to all Canadians, transparent, and fair.
- o Commercial users of this public resource should pay rent or royalties at fair market values, as is common practice with other resource industries.
- o Allowed fishing methods must safeguard ecological processes and protect biological and genetic diversity for future generations.

G06-P44: Taxation Policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** recommit itself to the international **Green** pillar of social and economic justice which includes the equitable distribution of social and natural resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we recommit the **Green Party of Canada** to the goal of closing the widening gap between rich and poor, both within **Canada** and between countries, and insure all Canadians a living wage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** commits itself to raising the royalties on natural resource extraction to provide a fair return to the public and to conserve their use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** promote tax shifting from taxes which promote and subsidize environmental degradation to taxes that are environmentally friendly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** propose a carbon tax that would not be used to accumulate government revenues but would be redistributed into alternative energy funding.

G06-p41: Global Warming and Climate Change

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** recognized the major threat to the planet from global warming and climate change, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** supports the UN-sponsored Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and many other prominent scientific organizations which have insisted that we need to reduce fossil fuel consumption by 70 % as quickly as possible if we are to reduce greenhouse gases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** recognizes that an alternative energy system is feasible and will promote **Green** economic development, a cleaner environment and better

health, and therefore supports more comprehensive and far-reaching plans.

G06-p56: Agricultural Research

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** support the establishment by the federal government of a special Agricultural Research Climate Adaptation Fund designed strategically using the best available information on likely Climate Change across **Canada**;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Fund (along with other Climate Change adjustment measures) be financed by a Comprehensive set of tax policies designed to discourage increased use of fossil fuels;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the role of PFRA (Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration) be re-examined in collaboration with the Provinces and the farming sector to establish how this organization might be adapted to use the latest in modern information technology to help extend information on climate change and research results to farmers as quickly and effectively as possible.

G06-p01: User Fee Free Public Transit

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Green Party of Canada** advocate a system of "user fee free public transit" which consists of a \$3.5 billion per year transfer from the federal government to municipal governments to cover user fees and service costs of urban public transit services throughout the country.

G06-p14: The Organic Nation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the **Green Party of Canada** will advocate for a complete transition to organic agriculture and that this transformation will be enabled by, among other things:

1. The removal of all direct and indirect subsidies to growers using synthetic chemicals
2. The application of GST and pollution taxes to chemical **pesticides** and fertilizers
3. Subsidies to growers while in the transition phase from chemical agriculture to organics.
4. Assistance to build local food processing plants and storage facilities.
5. Prohibiting the production of genetically engineered crops.

G06-c24: Reference to the GPC Fund in the constitution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 12 be added to the new constitution as follows:

Article 12: The GPC Fund

12.1 The GPC Fund is the sole and exclusive agent for the financial operations of the **party**.

12.2 The GPC Fund will be responsible to Elections **Canada** as the party's Chief Agent.

12.3 The fund shall report its annual audited financial statements to the membership

12.4 All members of federal council and only members of federal council are automatically, while members of council, members of the GPC Fund.

12.5 At least one director of the fund shall be an elected member of Council

12.6 The GPC Fund shall operate within the spirit, terms and constraints of the GPC constitution and bylaws.

12.7 The bylaws and letters patent of the GPC fund shall be available to all members.

G06-c11: Ombuds and Appeals Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the constitution and bylaws as proposed by the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) in 2006 and adopted, whichever the case may be, the following new bylaw be added following Bylaw 6 (Shadow Cabinet) and that bylaws following 6 be renumbered accordingly:

Bylaw 7 Ombuds and Appeals Committee

7.1 The Ombuds and Appeals Committee shall be selected at a general meeting of members, and such selection shall respect gender parity and regional balance.

7.2 The Ombuds and Appeals Committee may fill its vacancies between general meetings of members.

7.3 The Ombuds and Appeals Committee shall be chaired by two co-chairs, one female and one male, that are selected by the committee.

7.4 The Ombuds and Appeals Committee is a committee of the membership, responsible to the membership at general meetings.

7.5 The Ombuds and Appeals Committee shall:

7.5.1 Assists members in complaints against The **Party** and members, where the complaints relate to **party** business.

7.5.2 Report its findings to Federal Council.

7.5.3 Develop guidelines for conduct and operation of the Ombuds and Appeals Committee.

G06-c19: Act Administrative Filings

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 6 in the constitution and bylaws as proposed by the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) in 2006 and adopted, whichever the case may be, be replaced as follows:

Article 6 Accountability

6.1 All units and individuals within The **Party** are accountable to:

6.1.1 The membership in general meeting.

6.1.2 The Federal Council when the membership is not in general meeting.

6.2 Filings of The **party** required by the Canadian Elections Act, Elections **Canada**, or other government body, act, or regulation, including the endorsement of a candidate during an election, are under the direction of the membership in general meeting or federal council as per Article 6. 1.

G06-c09: Constitutional Amendment regarding Management of Committee members

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the new bylaw article 2.3.1 "Consist of a chair, the Leader, two members at large, and the Executive Director" be changed to "Consist of the Chair of Council, the Leader, three further members of Council, and the Executive Director. The three other members of council sitting on this committee shall be appointed or elected by federal council from amongst their own members."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the new bylaw article 2.3.3 "The chair and the two members at large shall be appointed or elected by Federal Council from amongst their own members." be changed to "The three further members of council sitting on this committee shall be appointed or elected by Federal Council from amongst their own members."

G06-c15: Remove No Less Than Six Voting Members Requirement

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in article 9.2.2 in the constitution the words "but quorum shall be no less than six (6) voting members" be changed to "and if quorum drops below six (6) voting members, a general meeting shall occur within six months."

G06-c13: Shadow Cabinet Not Elected by Members

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the second paragraph of Article 18 of the constitution amended August 2004, the sentences "They shall be selected by a **party** general meeting, respecting gender parity. Shadow cabinet may fill its vacancies between general meetings." be replaced with:

"The shadow cabinet shall be selected by the leader or leadership of party, in conjunction with either the other members of the shadow cabinet or in conjunction with Federal Council, following the rules and procedures put forward for such by Federal Council and the shadow cabinet. Shadow cabinet may fill its vacancies."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT bylaw 6.1 and 6.2 of the party's constitution and bylaws as proposed by the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) in 2006 and adopted, whichever the case may be, be changed to:

"6.1 The shadow cabinet shall be selected by the leader or leadership of The Party, in conjunction with either the other members of the shadow cabinet or in conjunction with Federal Council, following the rules and procedures put forward for such by Federal Council and the shadow cabinet.

6.2 The shadow cabinet may fill its vacancies."

G06-d37: Green Papers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Federal Council be directed to create a mechanism for the establishment of a process for the preparation and publication of Green Papers in order to encourage scholarly research, writing, and discussion on issues that affect Canadians as well as the global community. These Green Papers are to be made available on the GPC web site. These articles will provide background information for the enlightenment of readers and may be used as baseline data for the preparation of GPC policy or other documents.

G06-d23: Deputy Leader Remuneration

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Green Party of Canada will immediately develop a remuneration plan for at least one Deputy Leader, at least one of which will be of opposite gender to the leader and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if funds are not immediately available, the Party will make extra efforts to raise the funds required.

G06-d01: Disenfranchising GPC Members

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council bring to the next General Meeting a proposed amendment to the constitution and by-laws to govern the conduct of referenda and to ensure that in all future national referenda every member shall have an opportunity to vote.

G06-d39: Standing Constitutional and By-Laws Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal Council establish a Standing Constitutional and by-laws Committee whose purpose it to review the Constitution and By-law on an ongoing basis. The Committee will, as part of its mandate, review any constitutional and by-law amendments passed by the members at general meetings and ensure that (1) these changes are internally consistent and that any other necessary

incidental amendments required to either the constitution or by-laws be made and (2) necessary grammar and linguistic changes are made as required. Any such recommended changes are to be ratified through the amending formulas of the Constitution.

This Committee will be open to any member of the Party.

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