

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

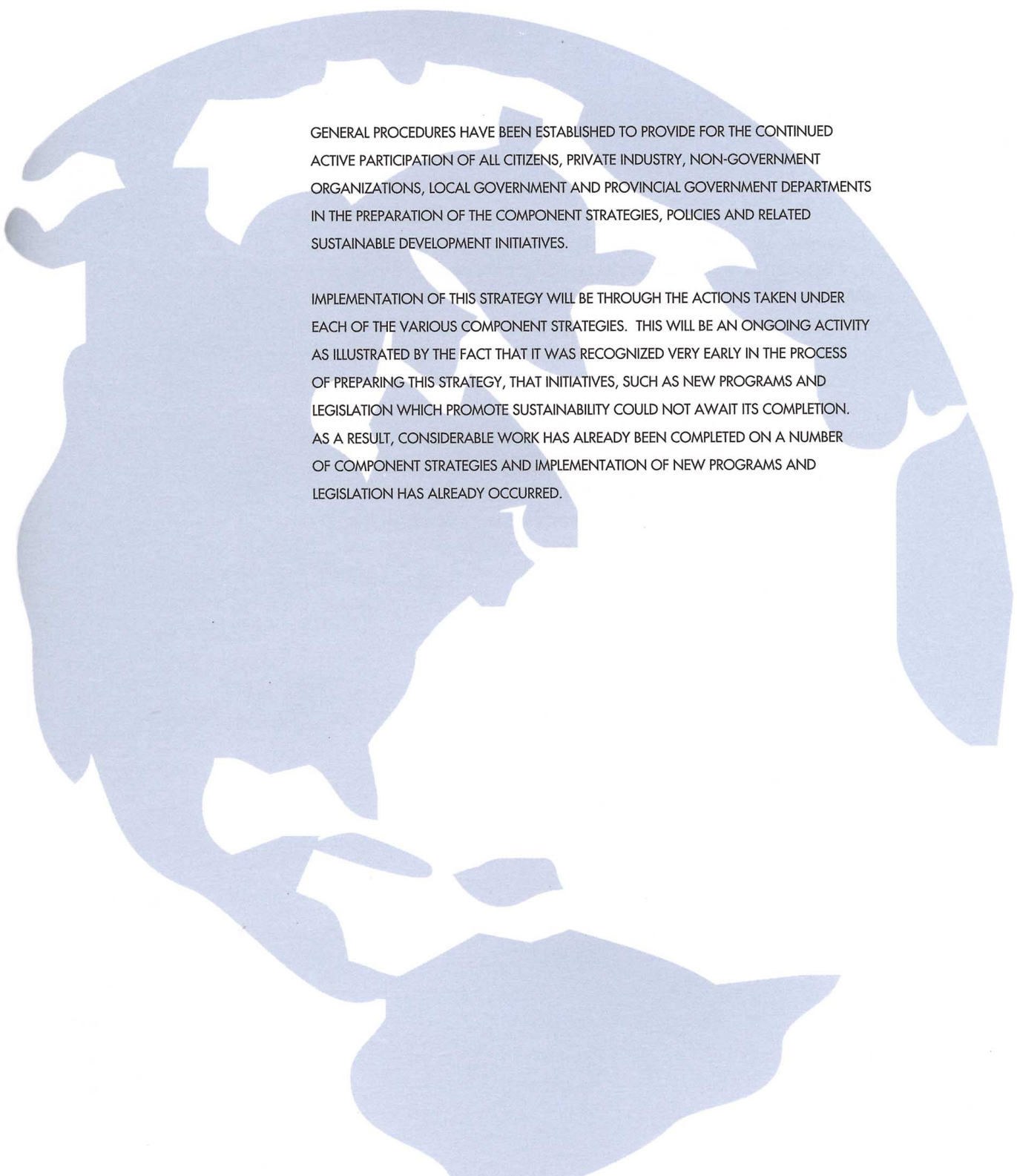
THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT'S "SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY" IS THE RESULT OF FOUR YEARS OF WORK BY THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE ON ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

IN 1990, THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE RELEASED THE CORE DOCUMENT ENTITLED, "TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR MANITOBANS", OUTLINING PROPOSED PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS PROPOSED COMPONENT STRATEGIES THAT WOULD HELP GUIDE ALL FACETS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE USED THE CORE DOCUMENT TO CONDUCT BROAD PUBLIC CONSULTATION OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS ON THE CONCEPT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. AS A RESULT OF THAT PROCESS, "WHAT YOU TOLD US..." DOCUMENTS WERE RELEASED NOTING THE ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN GENERAL, THE PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES AND THE GOALS OF COMPONENT STRATEGIES. THESE DOCUMENTS WERE USED IN FINALIZING THE STRATEGY.

MANITOBA'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PROVIDES A WORLD, NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL PERSPECTIVE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. TO GUIDE OUR ACTIONS, ACTIVITIES AND DECISIONS, THE TEN PRINCIPLES AND SIX GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED ALONG WITH SIXTEEN COMPONENT STRATEGIES.

GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS: THE HOME; PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR EDUCATION; PROJECTS WHICH DEMONSTRATE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES AND PROCESSES; THE OPERATION OF PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, CROWN CORPORATIONS, COMMISSIONS, HOSPITALS AND LOCAL SCHOOLS; ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STANDARDS FOR AIR, SOIL AND WATER, PROTECTION, USE AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (WATER, FORESTS, MINERALS, SOILS, FISH, WILDLIFE AND SPECIAL PLACES); ENERGY USE AND DEVELOPMENT; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; SOLID, LIQUID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT; ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT; ESTABLISHMENT OF MARKET PLACE MECHANISMS AND GOVERNMENT FISCAL POLICY IN SUPPORT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT; RURAL AND NORTHERN MANITOBA, THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND SURROUNDING RURAL MUNICIPALITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES; AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.



GENERAL PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL CITIZENS, PRIVATE INDUSTRY, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE PREPARATION OF THE COMPONENT STRATEGIES, POLICIES AND RELATED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS STRATEGY WILL BE THROUGH THE ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER EACH OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT STRATEGIES. THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING ACTIVITY AS ILLUSTRATED BY THE FACT THAT IT WAS RECOGNIZED VERY EARLY IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING THIS STRATEGY, THAT INITIATIVES, SUCH AS NEW PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATION WHICH PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY COULD NOT AWAIT ITS COMPLETION. AS A RESULT, CONSIDERABLE WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED ON A NUMBER OF COMPONENT STRATEGIES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATION HAS ALREADY OCCURRED.