

Melbourne Principles for Sustainable Cities¹

- 1. Provide a long-term vision for cities based on: sustainability; intergenerational, social, economic and political equity; and their individuality.**
- 2. Achieve long-term economic and social security.**
- 3. Recognise the intrinsic value of biodiversity and natural ecosystems, and protect and restore them.**
- 4. Enable communities to minimise their ecological footprint.**
- 5. Build on the characteristics of ecosystems in the development and nurturing of healthy and sustainable cities.**
- 6. Recognise and build on the distinctive characteristics of cities, including their human and cultural values, history and natural systems.**
- 7. Empower people and foster participation.**
- 8. Expand and enable cooperative networks to work towards a common, sustainable future.**
- 9. Promote sustainable production and consumption, through appropriate use of environmentally sound technologies and effective demand management.**
- 10. Enable continual improvement, based on accountability, transparency and good governance.**

¹ Division of Technology, Industry and Economics. 2002. "Melbourne Principles for Sustainable Cities", UNEP