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The green welfare state - a vision for the Ministry of Sustainable Development

The Government aspires to make the idea of the green welfare state a reality. To this end, it will use new technology, construction and planning and pursue an active energy and environmental policy. The goal is to modernise Sweden so as to make our society more resource-efficient, a process of change that will drive innovation, new jobs, growth and welfare. In the green welfare state, our country will reconcile good economic progress with social justice and protection of the environment, to our own benefit and the benefit of future generations. Being at the forefront of development, we will also be in a position to succeed in the export market and support environmentally sustainable social development in countries that are now experiencing strong growth. In this way, national progress is a source of global opportunities. The modernisation of our societies has to help ensure that the resources of our planet are sufficient for us all!

We must pass on to the next generation a Sweden where the major environmental problems have been solved. Welfare includes a healthy living environment with clean air and closeness to nature. This requires clear environmental objectives, effective policy instruments and international cooperation. A cohesive climate and energy policy must guarantee the future supply of energy, limit climate impact and at the same time be a motor for change in Sweden. Society must be steered towards energy efficiency and must in the long run obtain all energy from renewable sources. Sweden must have both a living countryside and healthy cities and suburbs whose development is guided by active planning. This requires a national policy for housing, construction and urban development. Everyone must have the chance to live in good and affordable homes in a secure and sustainable living environment.

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