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## **MOTION REGARDING THE FORMAL RATIFICATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**Whereas,** In 2015, the UN General Assembly formally accepted a new set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)<sup>1</sup>, which were unanimously adopted by all 193 Member States, including Canada. The SDG agenda is centered around universal prosperity, peace, equality, and most significantly emphasizes the urgency of climate action.

**Whereas,** the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) is committed to sustainable actions within and beyond campus;

**Whereas,** SSMU has existing Sustainability Policy established, reflecting many of the goals dictated by the SDGs;

**Whereas,** the quantity of students engaged in SSMU clubs working towards goals outlined by the SDGs clearly reflects the student body's pledge to these causes;

**Whereas,** as an international leader in educational institutions McGill has the power and the responsibility to take bold actions towards sustainable development;

**Whereas,** being the first ever educational institute to formally ratify these goals could spur action within McGill's student body and within schools and students worldwide;

**Be it resolved that,** as a student body filled with future holders of significant economic, social, and political power, if SSMU seeks to make tangible change within the realm of sustainability, it is essential for SSMU to engrain the importance of the SDGs into their students; by making McGill the first ever educational institute to formally ratify the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals>



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