

**ITEM B.116**  
**FOR ACTION**

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**Subject:** Comment to the 221<sup>st</sup> GA (2014) - Overture 050 “On Affirming the importance of Sustainable Development and the Precautionary Principle – From the Presbytery of Southern New England”

**Recommendation:**

**That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 050 “On Affirming the importance of Sustainable Development and the Precautionary Principle – From the Presbytery of Southern New England”**

**Comment:**

The current PCUSA policy on sustainable development, “Hope for a Global Future” <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/hope-global-future-toward-just-and-sustainable-hum/> does not fully address the Precautionary Principle lifted up in this overture.

This overture also asks that the General Assembly commission a study to review this principle and prepare a paper for use by congregations. If the Assembly affirms this recommendation, it should be referred to the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy for implementation.

There would be financial implications for the commissioning of a study group and paper.