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ABSTRACT: It is critical that the world begins to transition to sustainable development. We have witnessed the growing scarcity of resources and climate change. The threat of conflict over resources is a harsh reality. Plant and animal species have gone extinct and many of us have been victims to the worst natural disasters of the past decade. While sustainable development is not an easy or a quick solution it will prove beneficial long term. Sustainable development would establish practices that put the health of our natural environment first and the progression of all peoples at top priority. We must reverse and prevent further climate change, prevent the need for competition over resources, and ensure that the planet will be able to sustain future generations, etc. Sustainable development allows us to progress in technology and grow in population without further destroying our resources and compromising our future. Sustainable development has two main humanitarian advantages: peace and justice. Sustainable development will bring about peace by preventing the need for conflict over resources and will decrease the effects of capitalism and destructive nationalism that hurt the disadvantaged. Sustainable development will implement justice by helping us regain a sense of respect for our fellow humans and the planet. Sustainable development will also stop the plundering and hoarding of natural resources that exploits the impoverished. Overall sustainable development will save us from the destruction of the natural environment and the destruction of humanity.