

possible, the use of CFC's. An additional \$125 million will be provided to help clean up the Great Lakes. A further \$110 million has been identified to assist in the clean-up of the St. Lawrence.

Under our "Environment Choice" program, we are giving our seal of approval to "environmentally friendly" products so Canadians will know that these products are not harmful to the environment. We plan new legislation on water quality and new regulations on toxic chemicals. We also plan to establish an Environmental Partners Fund to support local-level environmental clean-ups.

Perhaps most significantly, we have committed ourselves to the concept of "sustainable development". We recognize that economic growth and environmental sensitivity are both indispensable. To help translate the theory into practice, we have enlarged the responsibilities and authority of the Minister of the Environment, Lucien Bouchard, who is present tonight. Together, we will ensure that environmental issues are fully weighed in the course of our government's decision-making.

Our international agenda has also been heavy. Montreal was selected by the international community as the site of the landmark 1987 International Conference on Protecting the Ozone Layer. Toronto was the site of the 1988 Economic Summit. The Toronto communiqué was unambiguous in stating the priority that the leaders of the seven major industrial countries put on environmental protection.

A week later, Toronto hosted a conference on the changing atmosphere and its implications for global security, where Prime Minister Brundtland delivered a keynote address of uncommon brilliance and authority.

In September, my colleague the Minister of Finance, presented the World Bank with a plan to ensure that protection of the environment is a major element in the Bank's development projects.

The same month, I announced to the General Assembly of the United Nations the creation of a centre for sustainable development in Winnipeg.

This February, legal experts from around the world gathered in Ottawa to consider the elements of an international convention on the atmosphere.