

WHAT HAVE WE DONE SINCE? IF WE LOOK AT THE SECRETARIAT'S BACKGROUND REPORT "STATE OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT 1972-82", WE SEE THAT MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED; BUT MUCH MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE. PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS HAS BEEN HEIGHTENED AND IS STILL RISING. IN MY OWN COUNTRY, GOVERNMENTS AT ALL LEVELS - MUNICIPAL, PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL - HAVE ACTED IN CONCERT TO CLEAN UP AT LEAST THE WORST FORMS OF POLLUTION, URGED ON BY AN ALMOST RELENTLESS PRESSURE FROM A PUBLIC WHICH IS CONCERNED THAT INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IS NOT AN END TO BE PURSUED AT THE EXPENSE OF HUMAN HEALTH NOR OF THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS. WE HAVE REDUCED POLLUTION FROM OUR PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY DRASTICALLY. WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED PHOSPHOROUS AND OTHER DISCHARGES INTO THE GREAT LAKES AND ARE NOW IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED STATES WITNESSING THE RECOVERY OF NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST SYSTEM OF FRESH WATER INCLUDING ALL THE TRIBUTARIES OF THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER IN QUEBEC. THE AIR IN OUR CITIES IS CLEANER.

CANADIANS HAVE ALSO TRIED TO DO THEIR SHARE AS CITIZENS OF THE WORLD BY PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL, LEGAL FRAMEWORKS AND AGREEMENTS AND BY WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH MANY COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT. WE ARE INVOLVED IN SOIL EROSION CONTROL IN LESOTHO, LAND RECLAMATION IN RWANDA, SOIL DESALINIZATION IN PAKISTAN, FLOOD CONTROL IN NEPAL, FOREST INVENTORIES IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES AND DESERTIFICATION CONTROL IN THE SAHEL. THESE