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Ministers and representatives of the governments of the United States met today in Ottawa to discuss common problems of pollution in the Great Lakes. The agenda included the "State of the Lakes" report, the development of energy resources management from the Province of Ontario, and they discussed each country's current plans, and legislation to improve water quality in the

Ministers and representatives discussed the findings of a Special Report submitted in April by a special joint Commission on potential oil pollution, and pollution from aircraft. It was agreed:

- a) The Canadian contingency plan for the cleanup of spills of oil and hazardous materials which become into operation will be fully coordinated with United States plans.
- b) In view of phosphates in the Great Lakes, Canada is in order to arrest and reverse eutrophication of lakes. Canadian legislation will permit the government to implement the Commission's recommendations and standards proposed for phosphates. The government has accepted the recommendations that will help the U.S. recommendations.

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The meeting also discussed the removal of certain pollutants.

In both countries legislation exists for the control of waste disposal by commercial vessels and aircraft, and the ministers expressed their agreement to mutual regulations.

It was noted that the Ontario Government intends to set up a water pollution office to carry out the recommendations of the Commission in the Special Report. It was also noted that the Ontario Government is being advised by Ontario to accept the recommendations of the Commission.

Ministers and representatives expressed their mutual agreement to continue to work together in the Great Lakes, and to continue to work together to take decisive

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