In light of the mutual commitment of our Governments to the preservation and enhancement of water quality in the Saint John River, and in order to further control and reduce water pollution in the international section of the Saint John River, I have the honour to propose that the Governments of Canada and the United States utilize the water quality objectives approved by the Committee in 1980 and continue to consider those objectives as useful indicators in the development and implementation of specific programs and measures in both countries.

Recognizing the valuable work done since 1972 by the Committee, and the interim nature of the Committee's original mandate, I have the further honour to propose that our Governments continue in operation the Canada-United States Committee on Water Quality in the Saint John River to assist the appropriate authorities in Canada and the United States to cooperate in the development, coordination and implementation of programs and measures to meet these objectives. The functions of the Committee would accordingly be amended as set forth in the attached Annex which replaces the Annex to the Canadian Note of September 21, 1972.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with its Annex, which are equally authentic in English and French, and your reply, shall constitute an agreement between our Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply and remain in force unless terminated by either Government upon six (6) months' written notice to the other Government. This agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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