

- (e) Provision of assistance in the coordination of Great Lakes water quality research, including identification of objectives for research activities, tendering of advice and recommendations concerning research to the Parties and to the State and Provincial Governments and dissemination of information concerning research to interested persons and agencies;
- (f) Investigations of such subjects related to Great Lakes water quality as the Parties may from time to time refer to it. At the time of signature of this Agreement, the Parties are requesting the Commission to enquire into and report to them upon:
  - (i) pollution of the boundary waters of the Great Lakes System from agricultural, forestry and other land use activities, in accordance with the terms of reference attached to this Agreement;
  - (ii) actions needed to preserve and enhance the quality of the waters of Lake Huron and Lake Superior in accordance with the terms of reference attached to this Agreement.

2. In the discharge of its responsibilities under this Agreement, the Commission may exercise all of the powers conferred upon it by the Boundary Waters Treaty and by any legislation passed pursuant thereto, including the power to conduct public hearings and to compel the testimony of witnesses and the production of documents.

3. The Commission shall make a report to the Parties and to the State and Provincial Governments no less frequently than annually concerning progress toward the achievement of the water quality objectives. This report shall include an assessment of the effectiveness of the programs and other measures undertaken pursuant to this Agreement, and advice and recommendations. The Commission may at any time make special reports to the Parties, to the State and Provincial Governments and to the public concerning any problem of water quality in the Great Lakes System.

4. The Commission may in its discretion publish any report, statement or other document prepared by it in the discharge of its functions under this Agreement.

5. The Commission shall have authority to verify independently the data and other information submitted by the Parties and by the State and Provincial Governments through such tests or other means as appear appropriate to it, consistent with the Boundary Waters Treaty and with applicable legislation.

## ARTICLE VII

### *Joint Institutions*

1. The International Joint Commission shall establish a Great Lakes Water Quality Board to assist it in the exercise of the powers and responsibilities assigned to it under this Agreement. Such Board shall be composed of an equal number of members from Canada and the United States, including representation from the Parties and from each of the State and Provincial Governments. The Commission shall also establish a Research Advisory Board in accordance with the terms of reference attached to this Agreement. The members of the Great Lakes Water Quality Board and the Research Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Commission after consultation with the appropriate government or governments concerned. In addition, the Com-