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## CANADA: FIRST NATION TO RATIFY THE VIENNA CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER

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The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Tom McMillan, Minister of the Environment, announced today that Canada is now a party to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. The Canadian Instrument of Ratification was deposited today at the United Nations in New York. Canada signed the Convention when it was first opened for signature on March 22, 1985, and is the first nation to ratify it.

"Canada's early ratification of the Convention signals this country's continuing active involvement in international environmental protection, as well as its firm commitment to the development of new international legal principles in this area," said Mr. Clark.

"The Convention is important because it is truly global in nature. Moreover, it commits states to take action co-operatively before serious damage is done," he said.

The Convention commits participating nations to protect human health and the environment against adverse effects resulting from modifications to the ozone layer. It also provides for international co-operation in research, monitoring, scientific assessment and the exchange of information on matters pertaining to the status of the ozone layer.

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