

hazardous wastes; and forbids any import from, or export to, non-contracting parties unless a bilateral or multilateral agreement exists. The overall result of the Convention is to establish a procedural framework for exports of such wastes, thereby making it more difficult to engage in illicit traffic.

Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change

In November 1988, as a response to growing public and political interest in global warming induced by greenhouse gases and related atmospheric problems, an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was established under the auspices of the World Meteorological Organization and United Nations Environment Programme. The IPCC expects to study the impacts of climate change and to develop policies and strategies for dealing with their environmental consequences. Canada, as one of the vice-chairpersons of an IPCC working group, will be in a strong position to assist the progressive development of consensus on this issue following two international conferences, "The Changing Atmosphere: Implications for Global Security" (June 1988) and the "International Meeting of Legal and Policy Experts on Protection of the Atmosphere" (February 1989), that were held in Toronto and Ottawa respectively.