

towards the total cost of the Commission which will likely be in the order of a few million dollars, including the initial hiring and training of part of the Inspectorate. The minimum direct costs to Canada of a CWC Preparatory Commission would be the (resident) person years for its duration, travel costs for occasional participants, plus the assessed contribution to the Commission's cost. It is assumed that one diplomatic position and one technical expert position now in Geneva (already focussing on the CWC negotiations) will continue in the Preparatory Commission work. This may need to be augmented by another full-time diplomatic position and a full-time legal expert, depending on the workload remaining to the Commission, recognizing that this will be a period of very intensive and detailed negotiations.

After signature, Canadian enabling legislation will have to be formulated by a working group (Implementation Committee) and there will be indirect costs associated with this task (not discussed further on the assumption that such is the responsibility of existing agencies).

As soon as such legislation is passed, there will be a direct burden of formalizing the prototype National Authority. If, as recommended, the designated agency is the Department of the Environment, then the cost centre would likely fall within the division dealing with chemicals. The