

negotiations. The Joint Session concentrated on the identification, description, analysis and understanding of various factors which stand at the interface between trade and environmental policies. The procedural guidelines outlined in the second part of the report are intended "to help governments improve the mutual compatibility of trade and environmental policies and policy making". They address the following issues: transparency and consultation; trade and environmental examinations; reviews and follow-up; international environmental cooperation; and dispute settlement.

Following the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts was convened, in September 1993, to consider and develop a Draft Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Discussions on the draft Protocol are continuing in Geneva in October 1994.

On the bilateral side, Canada signed the Canada-USA Joint Inland Pollution Contingency Plan on July 25, 1994. This Plan provides for a cooperative mechanism for preparedness for and response to accidental and unauthorized spills and releases of pollutants that affect or are likely to affect both countries.

Work proceeded with the United States on updating the North American Waterfowl Management Plan which includes Mexico as a full partner in the plan to allow a continental North American approach to waterfowl conservation. A Memorandum of Understanding on Multipurpose Wet Cleaning Demonstration Projects was signed with the United States last winter. In addition, a Program for Cooperation on Forestry was signed with the Ministry of Agriculture of Mexico on September 14, 1994.