

INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION

Report to the Governments of the United States of America and Canada on Remedial Works Necessary to Preserve and Enhance the Scenic Beauty of the Niagara Falls and River

This report to the Governments of the United States of America and Canada, with recommendations, is submitted pursuant to a Reference to this Commission embodied in identical letters dated October 10, 1950, and signed by the Under Secretary of State of the United States and the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs for Canada. The full text of the Reference is quoted below:

I have the honour to inform you that the Governments of Canada and the United States of America have agreed to request the International Joint Commission to investigate and make a report containing:

(1) Recommendations concerning the nature and design of the remedial works necessary to enhance the beauty of the Falls in the Niagara River by distributing the waters so as to produce an unbroken crest-line on the Falls, in accordance with the objectives envisaged in the final report submitted to Canada and the United States of America on December 11, 1929, by the Special International Niagara Board and bearing in mind the provisions for the diversion of the waters of the Niagara River and the apportionment thereof, which have been agreed upon by the two Governments in the Treaty of February 27, 1950, respecting the uses of the waters of the Niagara River.

(2) Recommendations concerning the allocation of the task of construction of remedial works as between Canada and the United States of America, having regard to the recommendations made under paragraph (1).

(3) An estimate of the costs of such remedial works.

In the conduct of its investigations, and otherwise in the performance of its duties under this reference, the International Joint Commission may utilize the services of engineers and other specially qualified personnel of technical agencies of Canada and the United States, and will so far as possible, make use of information and technical data which has been acquired by such technical agencies or which may become available during the course of the investigation, thus avoiding duplication of effort and unnecessary expense.

The Treaty referred to in paragraph (1) of the Reference respecting the uses of the waters of the Niagara River was signed at Washington, D.C. on February 27, 1950, approved by the Canadian Parliament on June 14, 1950, consented to by the United States Senate on August 9, 1950, and put into force by an exchange of ratifications at Ottawa on October 10, 1950.