

Reaffirming the importance to our two Governments of following sound environmental practices, the Embassy has the honor to propose that the language proposed by the Government of Canada at the October 7-10, 1997 meeting of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, which reads as follows:

"Both governments agree to adopt protocols which ensure responsible environmental stewardship. Specifically, standardized procedures to ensure prevention, response and mitigation of environmental damage will be adopted. This will include guidelines for exercising associated response teams in various related scenarios."

be inserted as paragraph 10 of the Annex accompanying the 1976 Agreement and the original paragraph 10 be redesignated as paragraph 11.

The undertakings of either Government with regard to matters under this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds.

The Embassy has the honor to propose that if the arrangements set forth in this Note are acceptable to your Government, this Note and your reply to that effect, which is equally authentic in both English and French, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which