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INTRODUCTION

Environmental questions and the challenges they pose have become priority issues for many countries. Internationally, the environment is at the top of the multilateral agenda. Canada is an active participant on the international environment scene.

A growing number of international meetings are producing declarations on the global environment. In addition, there is a growing body of international agreements dealing with various components of the subject.

The Department of External Affairs and International Trade has compiled this reference book for individuals interested in Canada's work on environmental issues and who wish access to basic documentation.

The book is divided into three sections. Major international declarations and policy statements are presented in the first section. The second contains a selection of multilateral agreements of importance. The final chapter comprises several recent Canadian speeches and statements on environment.

A second volume containing bilateral agreements and other source material is planned.

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