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CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Suzanne Blais-Grenier, Minister of the Environment, announced today the successful completion of a diplomatic conference in Vienna that adopted a Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. The Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Vienna, Mr. Allan Sullivan, signed the Convention on behalf of Canada.

"It is significant that Canada has taken a leading role in the development of this Convention", said Mr. Clark. "This clearly demonstrates Canada's desire to cooperate in protecting the global environment for all mankind."

The Convention commits participating nations to protect human health and the environment against adverse effects resulting from modifications to the ozone layer. It also provides for international cooperation in research, monitoring, scientific assessment and exchange of information on matters pertaining to the status of the ozone layer.

The diplomatic conference also requested the United Nations Environment Programme to continue work on a protocol to the Convention which would provide for internationally agreed measures "to control equitably global production, emissions and use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)". Recognizing that it would

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