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Whereas the Governments of Canada and the United States in the light of their rights and obligations under Article IV of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 with respect to the avoidance of transboundary pollution, are concerned about the quality of water in the international section of the St. John River and in its tributary rivers and streams which cross the Canada-United States boundary.

Whereas water quality planning has been under way in the St. John River Basin in both countries for more than a year, and proper co-ordination of this planning is urgently required to assure achievement of a unified approach to the problem;

It is hereby agreed that a Canada-United States Committee on Meter Quality in the St. John River and its Tributaries crossing the International Boundary (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") be established to assist the appropriate authorities in Canada and the United States to co-operate in such water quality planning as may be necessary to devise programs which will enhance the quality of water in the St. John River. The Committee will conduct its work in a manner which is consistent with the objectives and provisions of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909.

I. The purposes of the Committee shall be:

- (A) To review periodically progress in the conduct of such water quality planning on both sides of the Canada-United States boundary in the St. John River Basin, with a view to facilitating progress toward enhancement of water quality;
- (B) To exchange appropriate information about plans, programs and actions which could affect water quality in the Basin;
- (C) To assist in co-ordination and consultation among appropriate authorities on matters and actions affecting water quality;
- (D) To make appropriate recommendations to relevant authorities on both sides of the boundary and to the International Joint Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") regarding the improvement of water quality in the Basin.

In the conduct of its work the Committee should consider in particular the following aspects of water quality:

- (A) The condition of water quality, and the nature, extent and sources of pollution;
- (B) The need for and means of defining and achieving agreed international water quality objectives;
- (C) The identification of programs and other measures needed to obtain a significant reduction in level of pollution with time-tables for accomplishment, including measures related to water quality and rate of flow, taking account of social and economic impacts.

It is understood that discussions within the Committee will serve to enhance and not to replace existing formal and informal discussions or other contacts among federal, state, provincial and local authorities.