

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (hereinafter referred to as the Parties);

Recognizing the global character of major environmental problems;

Convinced that the common interest of all countries is to pursue policies aimed at sustainable development;

Believing that environmental cooperation between States is of mutual benefit at both the national and international levels; and

Mindful that environmental policies require the development and implementation of anticipatory environmental controls based upon environmental research and monitoring;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall maintain and enhance bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental affairs on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE II

The Parties agree that such cooperation may include the following:

- a) atmospheric environmental issues, including climate change and its impacts, atmospheric ozone and air pollution, meteorology and climatology;
- b) protection of the marine and fresh water environments and related biological resources;
- c) prevention of ground water and surface water contamination;
- d) environmental problems related to agriculture;
- e) conservation of ecosystems, including establishment of nature reserves, and protection of habitat and rare flora and fauna;