

eventually involve the provincial governments in UNEP affairs, as appropriate. Our Department's role vis-à-vis UNEP documents, has been limited to monitoring them and passing them on to Environment Canada. As that Department is already attempting to distribute these documents more effectively, it would appear that we should wait to see the efficacy of the new system before trying to improve on it.

Environment Canada also distributes OECD documents on environment when requested to do so by the provinces. It has not set up a systematic distribution of these documents, for want of provincial interest. As the reading of this interest level was taken two years ago, however, it might be appropriate to sound out the provinces once again. This could well be undertaken by this Department, given the international aspect of the information and our present involvement with the OECD on environmental issues.

There appears to be little provincial interest in OECD documents on Science and Technology other than that expressed by the Province of Quebec. It is possible, nevertheless, that other provinces (and particularly Ontario) might find it useful to receive documents of the OECD's Committee for Scientific and Technological Policies. As the Department of State for Science and Technology is not able to distribute these documents, perhaps this Department might offer to provide them to the provinces, realizing that almost certainly only the Province of Ontario has sufficient interest or capability in this highly technical field, to take advantage of our offer.