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Reference to the International Joint Commission
on Water Levels in the Great Lakes

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Governments of Canada and the United States of America have placed jointly before the International Joint Commission a Reference on the level of waters in the Great Lakes. The text of this Reference is as follows:

"In order to determine whether measures within the Great Lakes Basin can be taken in the public interest to regulate further the levels of the Great Lakes or any of them and their connecting waters so as to reduce the extremes of stage which have been experienced, and for the beneficial effects in these waters described hereunder the Governments of Canada and the United States have agreed to refer the matter to the International Joint Commission for investigation and report pursuant to Article IX of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909.

It is desired that the Commission study the various factors which affect the fluctuations of these water levels and determine whether in its judgement action would be practicable and in the public interest from the points of view of both Governments for the purposes of bringing about a more beneficial range of stage for, and improvement in: