

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that a Ministerial Meeting with the United States Government will take place on Tuesday, June 23 in Ottawa, on pollution in the lower Great Lakes and the international section of the St. Lawrence River.

The Meeting will focus on the Special Report on Pollution recently submitted by the International Joint Commission, and will seek continuing arrangements for co-ordination in developing new water quality control programmes. In addition to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Canadian side will include the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Honourable J.J. Greene, and the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, the Honourable Jack Davis, together with the Ontario Minister of Energy and Resources Management, the Honourable George Kerr. Officials from all the departments concerned will also participate.

The United States Ministerial Delegation will be headed by the Honourable Russell Train, who is Chairman of the President's Council on Environmental Quality, and the Honourable Carl L. Klein, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water Quality and Research. The Delegation will include senior officials of the Council on Environmental Quality, the State Department, the Department of the Interior, and the United States Coast Guard.