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CANADA'S INTENTION TO ACCEDE TO THE CONVENTION
FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES
AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

Canada's Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Don Mazankowski, announced today in Wellington, New Zealand, Canada's intention to accede to the Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region. This Convention, which was adopted in Noumea, New Caledonia in November 1986, has been signed by thirteen states, and has as its main objective the protection of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific through the control of pollution. Mr. Mazankowski also announced Canada's intention to accede to the Convention's Protocol on pollution emergencies. This Protocol applies to pollution incidents in the South Pacific Region and provides cooperation among countries party to the Protocol in the taking of all necessary measures for the protection of the South Pacific from the threat and effects of pollution incidents. In order to accede to the Convention and Protocol, Canada will require the formal approval of three fourths of the parties to these agreements.

The Deputy Prime Minister is in New Zealand on an official visit from July 7 to July 11 following his recent trip to Australia where he represented Canada at World EXPO 88 in Brisbane.