

this conference, for which an eminent Canadian, Maurice Strong, has been chosen Secretary-General.

Canada has played a leading role in international efforts to protect the ozone layer. We hosted the international conference that resulted in the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Along with other countries, Canada supports phasing out by the year 2000 the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other substances that deplete the ozone layer.

Domestically, new regulations under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act will help us to achieve this objective. Canada is also prominent in international scientific efforts to address depletion of the ozone layer. We have led research on ozone depletion in the Arctic and are home to the World Ozone Data Centre. Canada has the world's most accurate ozone-measuring device which is recognized and used around the world.

Canada is actively participating in other global environmental initiatives. These include the development of global conventions on biological diversity (aimed at preventing the extinction of endangered species) and oil spills, as well as regional agreements relating to air quality, environmental impact assessment, transboundary water problems, and of course acid rain.

We have also supported the view that environmental considerations must be integrated into all aspects of domestic and international policy making. This is one of the basic tenets of the *Green Plan*. Canada has been supportive of efforts to introduce environmental considerations into the project and program activities of multilateral lending institutions such as the World Bank and the Inter-American Bank.

In adopting the *Green Plan* this fall, Canada will be in a strong position to continue its international environmental leadership role.