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## CANADA AND DENMARK TO IMPROVE CO-OPERATION ON POLLUTION CAUSED BY SHIPPING

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, and the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Jean Corbeil, today announced that Canada and Denmark have agreed on a contingency plan which provides for co-operation on pollution caused by shipping.

"As maritime neighbours, Canada and Denmark face common marine pollution problems," said Mrs. McDougall. "This new contingency plan will help us find common solutions to those problems."

"The Canadian Coast Guard has a proud history of service to Canadians," said Mr. Corbeil. "The plan we have worked out with Denmark gives us another important tool to serve Canadians on the environmental front."

The Canada-Denmark Marine Pollution Contingency Plan was developed as an amendment to the 1983 Canada-Denmark Agreement for Co-operation relating to the Marine Environment. It has three objectives: to develop measures and systems for discovering and reporting pollution incidents; to introduce measures for limiting the spread of hazardous substances and their potential damage; and to provide the resources needed for effective responses to pollution incidents.

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