EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE CONTINUED PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE WATER QUALITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF THE SAINT JOHN RIVER

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada to the Ambassador of the United States of America

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Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the discussions on the Saint John River which have taken place between representatives of our Governments, and to propose that our Governments undertake additional measures to ensure the continued preservation and enhancement of the quality of water in the international section of the Saint John River.

On September 21, 1972(1), our two Governments established by Exchange of Notes the Canada-United States Committee on Water Quality in the Saint John River. The Committee was to cooperate in water quality planning in order to develop programs to enhance the quality of water in the Saint John River, consistent with the provisions and objectives of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. Simultaneously with the committee's creation, the International Joint Commission was given Reference by Governments to recommend action by the Governments in respect of those matters examined by the Committee and to advise on further institutional arrangements. A Report of the Committee was presented to the International Joint Commission in September, 1975, and the International Joint Commission's Report to Governments was completed in February, 1977. Subsequent to that date Committee operations have continued. It has focused on a further review and revision of the water quality objectives recommended in its 1975 Report, and new objectives were adopted in November, 1980, by the Committee.

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(1)Treaty Series 1972 No. 23