"Just as the problems we face are global, so also must be the solutions. We must develop the instruments required to deal globally with atmospheric problems and secure our common future," said Environment Minister Lucien Bouchard.

"I welcome participants to this conference and offer the continuing commitment of the Canadian government to leadership in this essential international effort."

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