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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green announced today that the Government of Canada had considered the recommendations contained in the International Joint Commission's final Report, dated October 7, 1959, on the St. Croix River Reference (1955) which concerns the development of the water resources of the St. Croix River Basin, and has approved all the recommendations with the exception of number 2 which is still under study. Similar approval was also announced today by the United States Government.

The International Joint Commission, of Canada and the United States, was established under the terms of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 to facilitate the settlement of boundary waters questions of mutual interest to Canada and the United States.

On June 10, 1955 the Governments of Canada and the United States, pursuant to Article IX of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, requested the International Joint Commission to investigate and report on the possibilities of further development of the water resources of the St. Croix River Basin in Maine and New Brunswick.

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