



TREATY SERIES 1987 No. 32 REÇU DES DÉPÊCHES

PROTOCOL AMENDING THE 1978 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY, AS AMENDED ON OCTOBER 16, 1983

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America,

REAFFIRMING their commitment to achieving the purpose and objectives of the 1978 Agreement between Canada and the United States of America on Great Lakes Water Quality, as amended on October 16, 1983;

HAVING developed and implemented cooperative programs and measures to achieve such purpose and objectives;

RECOGNIZING the need for strengthened efforts to address the continuing contamination of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem, particularly by persistent toxic substances;

ACKNOWLEDGING that many of these toxic substances enter the Great Lakes System from the air, from ground water infiltration, from sediments in the Lakes and from the runoff of non-point sources;

AWARE that further research and program development is now required to enable effective actions to be taken to address the continuing contamination of the Great Lakes;

DETERMINED to improve management processes for achieving Agreement objectives and to demonstrate firm leadership in the implementation of control measures;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I

The preamble of the Agreement is amended by:

- (a) modifying the first preambular paragraph to read: "Having in 1972 and 1978 entered into Agreements on Great Lakes Water Quality;"
- (b) modifying the seventh preambular paragraph to read: "Having decided that the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreements of 1972 and 1978 and subsequent reports of the International Joint Commission provide a sound basis ..."