ANNEX

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CANADA-UNITED STATES COMMITTEE ON WATER QUALITY IN THE SAINT JOHN RIVER

1. The Canada-United States Committee on Water Quality in the Saint John River shall assist the appropriate authorities in Canada and the United States to cooperate in the development, coordination and implementation of programs and measures to meet water quality objectives for the international section of the Saint John River. Accordingly, the Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

(a) Periodically review activities relating to water quality on both sides of the boundary in the Saint John River Basin, with a view to facilitating progress towards preservation and enhancement of water quality;

(b) Exchange appropriate information about plans, programs and actions which could affect water quality in the Basin;

(c) Assist in coordination and consultation among appropriate authorities on matters and actions including monitoring programs concerning water quality;

(d) Report to Governments recommended further refinements to the water quality objectives, as necessary;

(e) Provide a report to Governments every two years, or to the extent necessary, on the state of water quality in the international section of the Saint John River, and on progress being made to maintain and enhance water quality in accordance with the objectives and, as appropriate, identifying any further measures required; and,

(f) Provide copies of its report to the International Joint Commission.

2. Discussions within the Committee will supplement and not replace existing formal and informal discussions or other contacts among federal, state, provincial and local authorities.

3. Composition and organization of the Committee:

(a) The Committee shall consist of an equal number of members from each country, and will include appropriate officials from the Governments of Canada and the United States; the Governments of New Brunswick, Quebec and Maine; and representatives of regional organizations, as appropriate;

(b) The members will represent their respective authorities (who will pay such expenses as may be incurred in this respect) and provide the special skills, experience and information required to carry out the above terms of reference;