

equitable access. The amendments are subject to conservation principles.

On May 16, 1995, Canada and the United States initialled *ad referendum* a new Annex B to the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America for Water Supply and Flood Control in the Souris River Basin of October 26, 1989. The Souris River is a transboundary river which traverses Saskatchewan, North Dakota and Manitoba. The new annex corrects an ambiguity contained in the original text which prevented equitable sharing of waters between Saskatchewan and North Dakota.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) held the first meeting of its Trade and Environment Committee on February 16, 1995. Canada took part in discussion of issues such as the integration of trade measures applied under multilateral environmental agreements with WTO rules, including those on dispute settlement, improvements to the transparency of trade-related environmental measures and international efforts to reduce or remove environmental problems associated with trade in hazardous and domestically-prohibited goods. Deliberations on the compatibility of trade and environmental multilateral agreements are particularly significant as they will set the stage for the future trade and environment dialogue.