

Among other noteworthy Canadian contributions is the offer, since accepted by the United Nations General Assembly, to host a major United Nations Conference/Exposition on Human Settlements in Vancouver during 1976.

In November, 1972 an inter-governmental meeting was convened in London pursuant to a Stockholm recommendation to elaborate a convention on the prevention of marine pollution by the dumping of wastes at sea. Canada played a leading role in the preparation of this Convention which provides effective controls for the prevention of pollution from this source both in environmental and jurisdictional terms. Canada has signed the Convention and is considering early ratification of it.

Canada is heavily involved in preparations for the Third Law of the Sea Conference. The major Canadian objective involves a significant revision of the Law of the Sea, in particular the development of new legal regimes for the effective management and exploitation of ocean resources by coastal states including the establishment of new regimes in relation to fisheries, pollution control, scientific research and exploration and exploitation of the seabed beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. Canada is similarly involved in preparations for a conference on marine pollution which will take place in October this year under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO). The purpose of this Conference is to develop new measures for the prevention of pollution from ships.