- the continuation of the joint pollution contingency plan for the Lakes,
- measures for control of pollution from dredging activities and the disposal of polluted dredge sediments,
- the institution of measures for the control of pollution from onshore and offshore facilities, such as materials transportation within the Basin, and gas drilling operations,
- additional protection for pollution from hazardous polluting substances and toxic chemicals,
- the introduction of measures for the control of inputs of phosphorus and other nutrients to prevent harmful algal growth,
- a programme aimed at identifying the contribution of airborne pollutants to the Lakes,
- the further implementation of a coordinated surveillance and monitoring programme to determine the extent to which the general and specific objectives are being achieved.

The International Joint Commission will continue to play an important role under the 1978 Agreement. It will assist Governments in implementing the Agreement by tendering advice, collecting, analyzing, and disseminating data, and undertaking public information activities. In addition, the Commission will send a full report to Governments on the progress toward achievement of the general and specific objectives every other year. The 1978 Agreement also specifies more precisely the terms of reference of the joint institutions established to assist the Commission in performing functions related to the Agreement.