

negotiations by the third Conference of the Parties, scheduled for December 1997 in Japan. Canada will be pursuing its strong interest in parallel discussions on the development of a multilateral consultative process pursuant to Article 13 of the Climate Change Convention.

c) Air Pollution

Negotiations are at an early stage for a regional agreement on controlling persistent global pollutants. Canada has led the process of preparing a draft negotiating text. This treaty, being negotiated as a protocol under the UN Economic Commission of Europe Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution, will require Parties to implement a variety of controls on a number of persistent organic pollutants and may serve as a model for a future global treaty on persistent organic pollutants. A protocol to address transboundary pollution relating to heavy metals and a further protocol with respect to pollution arising from emissions of nitrogen oxides are also being negotiated under the LRTAP Convention.