

The Department of External Affairs announces that Mr. Carlo Scarascia-Mugnozsa, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities after having participated in the Habitat Conference at Vancouver, where he addressed the Plenary and met with the Honourable Jean Marchand, Minister of the Environment, was in Ottawa on June 3rd for a visit accompanied by several experts from the Commission.

He met Mr. Blair Seaborn, Deputy Minister of Environment Canada and other officials from the Departments of Environment, Agriculture, Health and Welfare, External Affairs and National Research Council. This meeting was the first occasion for officials to exchange views since letters on environmental co-operation were signed in November 1975 between Canada and the Commission of the European Communities. The discussions covered a wide range of environmental issues and gave new impetus to Canada-EEC co-operation by selecting certain areas for special emphasis. Those areas selected are water quality and management, environmental impact assessment, scientific criteria for environmental quality, noise and environmentally related research on a number of topics such as toxic chemicals and sludge.

During his visit to Ottawa, Mr. Scarascia-Mugnozsa also met with Mrs. Sylvia Ostry, Deputy Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to exchange views on matters related to consumer protection.