

## “SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES SUPPLEMENT TO ANNEX 1”

### “1. General Principles

#### (a) *Interim Objectives for Persistent Toxic Substances*

“Consistent with the policy stated in paragraph (a) of Article II and paragraph 2 of Annex 12 that the discharge of any or all persistent toxic substances be virtually eliminated, the specific objectives set out in Annex 1 for such substances are adopted as interim objectives.

#### (b) *Detection Levels*

“As used in this Annex “absent” means that the substances are not detectable when analyzed using the best available technology, which may include biological indicators. Detection levels will be subject to change as technology improves and new levels are adopted.

### 2. *Specific Objectives Review Process*

(a) The Parties, in consultation with State and Provincial Governments, shall consult on or before July 1, 1988, and at least once every two years thereafter for the purpose of considering the adoption of proposals by the Parties, State and Provincial Governments or recommendations of the Commission to:

- (i) establish or modify Specific Objectives under Annex 1; and
- (ii) establish action levels under Annex 12.

The Parties, in co-operation with State and Provincial Governments, shall ensure that the public is consulted in the development and adoption of the Specific Objectives.

(b) In proposing a substance for a new Specific Objective, the Parties, State and Provincial Governments or the Commission shall be guided by, but not limited to, the lists prepared by the Parties under paragraph (c), below, identifying substances that are present or potentially present within the water, sediment or aquatic biota of the Great Lakes System and are believed, singly or in synergistic or additive combination with another substance, to have acute or chronic toxic effects on aquatic, animal or human life.

(c) The Parties, on or before December 31, 1988, shall compile and maintain three lists of substances as follows:

- (i) *List No. 1* shall consist of all substances (1) believed to be present within the water, sediment or aquatic biota of the Great Lakes System and (2) believed, singly or in synergistic or additive combination with another substance, to have acute or chronic toxic effects on aquatic, animal or human life.