



The Council also agreed on:

- a directive for standardizing the treatment of surface water to be used for drinking;
- a directive for recycling waste oil to prevent air, water and soil pollution;
- a resolution asking member states to observe environmental-protection requirements in carrying out energy policies and to promote the conservation and rational use of energy resources;
- future Community participation in the Paris Convention on Land-based Pollution and in the Strasbourg Convention on Fresh-water Protection.

Co-ordination of environmental action by member states is the Community's main role. The Community also works with such international organizations as the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine Against Pollution, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and the United Nations.

*A canal in Utrecht, the Netherlands. The Community's policy for environmental protection emphasizes the need to clean up Europe's waterways.*