

resulting from their long range atmospheric transport. Canada is particularly concerned about the impact of POPs in the Arctic and has played an important role in the preparation and development of this Protocol.

The POPs Protocol will require Parties to implement a variety of controls on a number of POPs and may serve as a model for the global treaty on POPs that will be negotiated under the auspices of UNEP. It is anticipated that negotiations of this regional agreement will be completed by the end of 1997. Negotiations of the global treaty are scheduled to commence in mid-1997.

f) Agreement on Environmental Cooperation between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Chile

The Agreement on Environmental Cooperation between Canada and Chile, a "side accord" to the Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement, mirrors the provisions of the NAAEC in most respects. The Agreement highlights a commitment by both parties to undertake a cooperative work program as well as implementing measures which will reflect the commitment to effective enforcement of environmental laws.

The Agreement provides for an institutional structure similar to the NAAEC Commission for Environmental Cooperation. A small National Secretariat will be established in each country to carry out similar functions to those done by the NAAEC trilateral Secretariat.