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CANADIAN RESPONSE TO THE IJC'S
FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT ON
GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY

The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Government of Canada has conveyed to the International Joint Commission a formal response to the recommendations to Governments contained in the IJC's Fifth Annual Report on Great Lakes Water Quality.

The IJC report identified several of the recommendations in the 1976 Report of the Great Lakes Water Quality Board to which the IJC believes Canada and the United States should give priority consideration to reflect their commitment as parties to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

The Governments of Canada and Ontario recently completed a comprehensive review of Great Lakes water quality matters in light of the IJC Report. The two governments recognize the importance of the concerns addressed in the recommendations.

The combined response of the Federal and Provincial Governments informs the IJC of the specific status of Canadian federal and provincial programmes and other measures which address these concerns. The response also reaffirms that the Governments continue to give high priority to Great Lakes programmes and will encourage co-operation at all levels of government in order to achieve the water quality objectives of the Canada-United States Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

Copies of the Canadian response may be obtained from:

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