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Letters of Co-operation in the field of the environment between the Government of Canada and the Commission of European Communities were signed and exchanged this afternoon between Ambassador Marcel Cadieux, Head of the Mission of Canada to the European Communities, and Mr. Scarascia Mugnozza, Vice-President of the Commission. This exchange of letters is the first arrangement of its kind between Canada and the Commission and occurs at a time when Canada and the European Community are seeking to add to and deepen their relations. The substance of this exchange, that will help to broaden the scope and forms of co-operation already existing between Canada and the Commission, will consist principally of:

- the objective evaluation of risks to human health and to the environment from pollution;
- the establishment of quality objectives in dealing with environmental pollution, particularly in the area of water pollution;
- the protection of the natural environment.

It is understood that this list of topics may be added to in future. The co-operation will take place at the level of technical experts and will include visits and exchanges of views and information. Meetings at the level of officials responsible for environmental policy and experts are also planned.