

Statement

Secretary of
State for
External Affairs



Déclaration

Secrétaire
d'État aux
Affaires
extérieures

No. 164

August 3, 1990.

CLARK ANNOUNCES DELEGATION TO THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING
FOR THE 1992 UN CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT
AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCED)

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced the Canadian Delegation to the First Preparatory Committee Meeting for the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED).

The Canadian delegation will be led by Mr. John Bell, Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for External Affairs on the Environment. The alternate Heads of Delegation are Mr. Arthur Campeau, Special Advisor on International Affairs to the Minister of the Environment, and Ms. Raynell Andreychuck, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and High Commissioner to Kenya. They are joined by experts from government agencies and non-governmental organizations.

Canada has been closely associated with building an international consensus on the urgent need to hold a UN conference on environment and development. The first meeting to prepare for UNCED, which will take place in Brazil in 1992, will be in Nairobi, Kenya, on 6-31 August.

The main topics for discussion at the preparatory meeting include:

- environmental priorities such as climate change, deforestation, biological diversity, the marine environment, drought and desertification;
- organizational matters relating to preparations for UNCED;

.../2

- transfers of technology to developing countries;
- the need to identify sources for new and additional financial resources.

It is expected that, among other things, UNCED will result in global framework conventions on climate change and the conservation of biological diversity.

For more information, media representatives should contact:

Media Relations Office
External Affairs and International Trade Canada
(613) 995-1874