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## CANADA TO HOST MEETING OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW EXPERTS

Canada will host a meeting of international legal and policy experts on the protection of the atmosphere, February 20 to 22 in Ottawa.

The meeting, jointly sponsored by External Affairs and Environment Canada, is a follow-up to the conference on "The Changing Atmosphere" that took place in Toronto last June. The aim of the meeting is to seek agreement on principles that would contribute to protection of the atmosphere and to develop recommendations for future action.

More than 80 experts from 25 countries and eight international organizations will attend the conference. The co-chairmen are Mr. Edward G. Lee, Q.C., Assistant Deputy Minister and Legal Adviser, Department of External Affairs, and Mr. James P. Bruce, Acting Deputy Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization.

Said Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, "This meeting comes at a time when the world community is facing up to the real need to deal with global environmental questions. Our goal, set out by the Prime Minister at the Toronto meeting, is an accord for the protection of the atmosphere."

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"Just as the problems we face are global, so also must be the solutions. We must develop the instruments required to deal globally with atmospheric problems and secure our common future," said Environment Minister Lucien Bouchard.

"I welcome participants to this conference and offer the continuing commitment of the Canadian government to leadership in this essential international effort."

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