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I.A: SELECTED ENVIRONMENTAL DATA (1)

		CAN	MEX	USA	JPN	KOR	AUS	NZL	AUT	BEL	CZE	DNK
LAND												
Total area (1000 km ²)		9985	1964	9632	378	99	7741	268	84	31	79	43
Major protected areas (% of territorial area)	2	6.7	8.6	19.5	8.0	3.8	13.0	19.5	28.0	3.3	15.8	2.0
Nitrogenous fertiliser use (t/km ² of agricultural land)		2.5	1.1	2.6	9.2	18.8	0.2	1.8	3.2	10.6	6.8	7.4
Pesticide use (t/km ² of agricultural land)		0.06	0.04	0.07	1.16	1.27	-	0.03	0.10	0.50	0.11	0.12
Livestock densities (head of sheep eq./km ² of agr. land)		174	217	168	706	1324	62	573	489	1635	267	869
FOREST												
Forest area (% of land area)		34.1	33.0	33.1	68.2	63.5	21.3	31.0	46.8	22.1	34.3	11.8
Use of forest resources (harvest/growth)		0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.6	..	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7
Tropical wood imports (USD/cap.)	3	1.6	0.2	2.1	10.7	6.1	4.0	3.4	0.4	24.2	0.3	3.8
THREATENED SPECIES												
Mammals (% of species known)		20.3	31.8	16.8	23.3	11.4	23.8	18.0	22.0	35.9	20.0	22.0
Birds (% of species known)		9.8	16.2	11.7	13.1	6.3	13.0	21.0	27.7	24.9	50.0	16.3
Fish (% of species known)		29.6	27.6	31.7	36.0	8.9	1.0	10.0	50.6	23.4	41.5	15.8
WATER												
Water withdrawal (% of gross annual availability)		1.5	16.7	19.2	20.2	40.3	4.8	1.2	4.5	31.9	10.7	5.0
Public wastewater treatment (% of population served)		72	39	71	72	87	..	80	92	55	75	88
Fish catches (% of world catches)		1.2	1.4	5.2	4.5	1.8	0.2	0.6	-	-	-	1.0
AIR												
Emissions of sulphur oxides (kg/cap.)		61.6	25.9	40.7	6.6	9.2	43.7	19.4	3.4	10.6	20.6	4.6
(kg/1000 USD GDP)	4	2.0	2.6	1.1	0.2	0.4	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.4	1.1	0.1
% change (1990-2007)		-36	-3	-42	-17	-46	-43	50	-62	-65	-89	-86
Emissions of nitrogen oxides (kg/cap.)		70.8	14.0	53.3	15.2	27.1	82.0	39.8	27.2	21.8	27.5	34.1
(kg/1000 USD GDP)	4	2.3	1.4	1.4	0.5	1.3	2.8	1.7	0.9	0.7	1.4	1.1
% change (1990-2007)		-3	14	-30	-5	50	36	56	17	-48	-62	-32
Emissions of carbon dioxide (t./cap.)	5	16.5	4.0	19.1	9.5	9.9	19.1	8.8	8.8	11.1	11.8	10.2
(t./1000 USD GDP)	4	0.53	0.37	0.50	0.34	0.47	0.64	0.38	0.28	0.37	0.61	0.32
% change (1990-2006)		25	42	17	13	108	52	72	29	6	-22	10
WASTE GENERATED												
Industrial waste (kg/1000 USD GDP)	4, 6	..	..	..	40	40	20	10	..	50	30	10
Municipal waste (kg/cap.)	7	400	350	770	410	380	690	400	590	490	290	800
Nuclear waste (t./Mtoe of TPES)	8	6.2	0.1	1.0	1.5	3.2	-	-	-	2.0	1.7	-

.. not available. - nil or negligible.

1) Data refer to the latest available year. They include provisional figures and Secretariat estimates.

Partial totals are underlined. Varying definitions can limit comparability across countries.

2) IUCN management categories I-VI and protected areas without IUCN category assignment; national classifications may differ.

3) Total imports of cork and wood from non-OECD tropical countries.

4) GDP at 2000 prices and purchasing power parities.

Source: OECD Environmental Data Compendium.

OECD EPR / SECOND CYCLE

FIN	FRA	DEU	GRC	HUN	ISL	IRL	ITA	LUX	NLD	NOR	POL	PRT	SLO	ESP	SWE	CHE	TUR	UKD*	OECD*
338	552	357	132	93	103	70	301	3	42	324	313	92	49	505	450	41	784	244	35096
8.2	11.8	55.7	2.8	8.9	5.6	0.5	12.5	17.0	15.6	4.6	28.1	4.9	25.2	7.7	9.2	28.7	3.9	18.3	12.4
7.0	7.5	10.5	2.7	5.8	0.6	8.1	4.2	-	13.4	10.0	6.3	2.3	4.6	3.3	5.1	3.6	3.3	5.9	2.2
0.07	0.24	0.19	0.12	0.17	-	0.07	0.55	-	0.55	0.07	0.10	0.44	0.15	0.14	0.07	0.09	0.04	0.15	0.07
334	485	635	227	169	54	1165	388	948	1859	862	342	413	241	312	378	772	233	599	188
73.9	28.3	31.8	29.1	22.1	0.5	9.7	33.9	33.9	10.8	30.8	30.0	41.3	40.1	35.9	67.1	30.5	13.2	11.8	31.0
0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	-	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6	<u>0.6</u>
1.4	6.8	1.8	2.7	0.1	2.8	11.2	7.2	-	15.6	3.6	0.3	17.6	0.1	6.2	2.2	0.6	0.5	2.7	4.0
10.8	19.0	37.9	37.8	37.8	-	1.8	40.7	51.6	18.6	13.7	13.5	26.2	21.7	13.3	18.3	32.9	14.3	15.8	..
13.3	19.2	27.3	1.9	14.5	44.0	5.4	18.4	23.1	21.6	16.1	7.8	38.1	14.0	26.9	17.5	36.4	3.7	16.2	..
11.8	36.1	68.2	26.2	43.2	-	23.1	35.1	27.9	22.1	9.4	21.0	62.9	24.1	51.4	10.9	38.9	11.1	11.1	..
2.1	17.5	18.9	12.1	4.8	0.1	2.3	24.0	3.3	10.9	0.6	19.1	12.4	0.9	30.4	1.4	5.0	19.1	12.9	11.3
81	80	97	65	60	57	65	94	95	99	78	62	69	57	86	86	97	42	97	<u>72</u>
0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	-	1.7	0.3	0.3	-	0.5	2.6	0.2	0.2	-	0.9	0.3	-	0.5	0.7	25.3
16.0	7.4	6.8	48.0	11.7	29.9	12.8	6.6	5.2	3.9	4.5	32.6	18.0	16.3	26.5	4.3	2.4	23.1	11.2	22.8
0.5	0.3	0.2	2.1	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.5	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	2.1	0.4	0.8
-66	-66	-90	14	-88	20	-70	-78	-83	-66	-60	-62	-40	-84	-46	-64	-58	11	-82	-51
36.6	22.0	16.9	28.3	20.7	106.7	27.6	18.0	29.9	19.0	40.9	23.3	23.5	16.0	33.6	19.2	11.2	14.8	26.3	31.1
1.2	0.8	0.6	1.2	1.3	3.1	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.8	1.3	1.1	1.4	0.6	0.3	1.4	0.9	1.2
-35	-27	-51	13	-13	3	-6	-45	-38	-42	-8	-44	2	-60	19	-44	-48	66	-46	-24
12.7	6.2	10.0	8.4	5.6	7.2	10.6	7.6	23.8	10.9	7.9	8.0	5.3	6.9	7.4	5.3	5.9	3.3	8.9	11.0
0.42	0.22	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.21	0.30	0.29	0.38	0.35	0.20	0.61	0.30	0.46	0.31	0.17	0.18	0.30	0.30	0.41
23	7	-13	34	-18	16	47	13	7	14	30	-11	43	-34	59	-8	8	89	-3	16
110	60	20	..	40	10	40	30	30	30	20	120	50	120	30	110	-	30	30	50
510	540	580	450	460	560	780	550	690	630	830	260	470	290	580	520	710	410	570	560
1.9	4.2	1.2	-	1.7	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	3.0	1.2	4.1	1.9	-	1.0	1.5

5) CO₂ from energy use only; sectoral approach; international marine and aviation bunkers are excluded.

6) Waste from manufacturing industries.

7) CAN, NZL: household waste only.

8) Waste from spent fuel arising in nuclear power plants, in tonnes of heavy metal, per million tonnes of oil equivalent of total primary energy supply.

UKD: pesticides and threatened species: Great Britain; water withdrawal and public waste water treatment plants: England and Wales.

I.B: SELECTED ECONOMIC DATA (1)

	CAN	MEX	USA	JPN	KOR	AUS	NZL	AUT	BEL	CZE	DNK
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
GDP, 2007 (billion USD at 2000 prices and PPPs)	1047	1169	11524	3621	1066	639	100	267	324	210	173
% change (1990-2007)	59.9	66.5	62.0	26.3	148.9	76.2	69.3	50.5	41.7	40.3	45.3
per capita, 2007 (1000 USD/cap.)	31.7	11.1	38.2	28.3	22.0	30.4	23.7	32.2	30.5	20.4	31.7
Exports, 2008 (% of GDP)	35.0	28.4	13.4	18.1	56.3	23.3	31.3	59.9	90.9	77.1	54.6
INDUSTRY 2											
Value added in industry (% of GDP)	32	36	22	31	39	29	25	31	24	39	26
Industrial production: % change (1990-2007)	45.6	60.2	59.7	10.7	264.8	36.5	35.3	92.7	30.5	35.4	43.8
AGRICULTURE											
Value added in agriculture (% of GDP)	3	2	3	1	1	3	2	7	2	1	1
Agricultural production: % change (1990-2006)	28.4	52.1	24.7	-9.2	19.7	12.5	46.3	-1.4	21.2	..	1.4
Livestock population, 2006 (million head of sheep eq.)	106	234	696	36	25	275	99	16	23	11	22
ENERGY											
Total supply, 2007 (Mtoe)	272	184	2367	522	227	128	18	33	59	46	20
% change (1990-2007)	30.0	48.1	22.9	17.7	143.1	46.3	32.1	32.7	18.6	-6.6	13.7
Energy intensity, 2007 (toe/1000 USD GDP)	0.26	0.16	0.21	0.14	0.21	0.20	0.18	0.12	0.18	0.22	0.12
% change (1990-2007)	-18.7	-11.1	-24.2	-6.8	-2.3	-17.0	-22.0	-11.9	-16.3	-33.4	-21.8
Structure of energy supply, 2007 (%)	4										
Solid fuels	10.6	4.7	23.5	21.9	25.4	43.6	8.5	12.4	7.2	44.9	23.3
Oil	35.5	55.8	39.4	46.0	43.1	31.2	39.8	41.8	39.4	20.6	40.1
Gas	28.7	28.8	22.9	15.9	13.7	19.2	20.6	22.2	25.5	15.2	19.9
Nuclear	8.9	1.5	9.2	13.2	16.4	-	-	-	21.6	14.5	-
Hydro, etc.	16.3	9.3	5.0	3.1	1.4	6.0	31.1	23.6	6.4	4.8	16.8
ROAD TRANSPORT 5											
Road traffic volumes per capita, 2007 (1000 veh.-km/cap.)	10.1	0.7	16.3	6.8	4.7	10.1	13.7	10.3	9.2	4.6	8.2
Road vehicle stock, 2007 (10 000 vehicles)	1883	2569	24795	7413	1590	1417	273	513	575	483	262
% change (1990-2007)	13.8	167.2	31.3	31.2	368.2	45.0	47.8	38.9	35.1	86.4	38.5
per capita (veh./100 inh.)	57	24	82	58	33	67	65	62	54	47	48

.. not available. - nil or negligible.

1) Data may include provisional figures and Secretariat estimates. Partial totals are underlined.

2) Value added: includes mining and quarrying, manufacturing, gas, electricity and water and construction;
production: excludes construction.

Source: OECD Environmental Data Compendium.

OECD EPR / SECOND CYCLE

FIN	FRA	DEU	GRC	HUN	ISL	IRL	ITA	LUX	NLD	NOR	POL	PRT	SLO	ESP	SWE	CHE	TUR	UKD	OECD
165	1738	2319	270	162	11	160	1570	31	534	192	533	188	90	1084	299	259	822	1833	32400
50.7	37.7	34.0	69.3	40.0	73.7	191.4	26.2	118.2	56.0	70.6	91.2	43.4	64.5	66.7	48.5	26.6	100.3	53.5	53.3
31.1	28.2	28.2	24.1	16.1	35.1	36.8	26.5	65.1	32.6	40.8	14.0	17.8	16.7	24.2	32.7	34.3	11.7	30.1	27.5
46.4	26.7	48.1	22.1	82.6	41.9	81.7	29.4	177.6	77.7	46.2	40.1	33.3	85.3	27.0	53.8	57.3	23.2	28.5	28.7
33	21	30	20	30	24	34	27	16	24	43	31	24	35	30	29	28	34	23	26
106.7	20.3	31.3	22.7	128.7	..	365.4	13.4	48.0	33.1	31.1	161.3	20.3	47.4	33.7	67.1	50.8	98.8	10.8	<u>45.8</u>
3	2	1	4	4	6	2	2	0	2	1	4	3	4	3	2	1	11	1	2
-8.4	-4.2	-6.3	14.5	-23.0	12.1	7.0	5.3	22	-7.2	-7.8	-24.3	-2.6	..	16.3	-15.7	-6.9	24.9	-5.0	..
8	144	108	19	10	1	49	57	1	36	9	54	15	5	90	12	12	96	102	2373
37	268	335	31	27	4	15	187	5	83	26	99	25	18	148	50	27	100	227	5591
29.5	17.8	-6.0	38.6	-5.2	104.2	50.1	26.1	29.8	24.0	19.8	-1.3	43.1	-15.2	62.4	5.1	9.2	89.2	6.9	23.6
0.23	0.15	0.14	0.11	0.17	0.40	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.16	0.13	0.19	0.13	0.20	0.14	0.17	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.17
-14.1	-14.5	-29.9	-18.1	-32.3	17.6	-48.5	-0.1	-40.5	-20.5	-29.8	-48.4	-0.2	-48.4	-2.5	-29.2	-13.7	-5.5	-30.3	-19.4
20.0	4.9	25.8	27.5	11.4	1.6	15.1	9.1	1.9	9.3	2.8	57.9	11.5	24.1	13.6	5.5	0.6	29.5	18.8	20.8
28.9	32.3	33.3	55.9	28.7	22.9	54.2	45.6	68.1	45.0	29.9	24.3	55.5	19.9	48.0	27.3	43.2	30.6	35.5	39.3
10.3	14.1	22.8	11.3	40.3	-	27.9	38.0	27.3	40.7	18.5	12.5	14.6	28.2	21.6	1.8	9.7	30.3	36.2	22.6
16.9	41.9	10.9	-	14.3	-	-	-	-	1.3	-	-	-	22.5	9.7	35.2	26.8	-	7.2	10.6
23.9	6.8	7.2	5.3	5.2	75.5	2.9	7.3	2.7	3.7	48.8	5.4	18.4	5.4	7.1	30.2	19.8	9.6	2.3	6.7
10.1	8.5	7.0	10.1	2.3	9.6	10.1	9.3	8.8	8.4	8.2	4.2	8.9	2.9	5.2	8.6	8.3	1.0	8.3	8.7
299	3665	4922	608	349	24	226	4021	36	822	269	1702	573	164	2696	478	430	946	3316	67322
33.7	28.8	31.9	141.1	56.3	80.4	138.7	34.4	76.6	43.5	38.3	162.1	160.6	58.8	86.7	21.8	32.3	301.0	39.2	43.8
56	59	60	54	35	78	52	68	75	50	57	45	54	30	60	52	57	13	54	57

3) Agriculture, forestry, hunting, fishery, etc.

4) Breakdown excludes electricity trade.

5) Refers to motor vehicles with four or more wheels, except for Italy, which include three-wheeled goods vehicles.

I.C: SELECTED SOCIAL DATA (1)

	CAN	MEX	USA	JPN	KOR	AUS	NZL	AUT	BEL	CZE	DNK
POPULATION											
Total population, 2007 (100 000 inh.)	330	1058	3016	1278	485	210	42	83	106	103	55
% change (1990-2007)	19.1	26.0	20.8	3.4	13.0	23.2	25.7	7.7	6.6	-0.4	6.2
Population density, 2007 (inh./km ²)	3.3	53.9	31.3	338.1	488.2	2.7	15.8	99.1	347.9	130.9	126.7
Ageing index, 2007 (over 64/under 15)	78.8	18.2	62.2	158.8	55.1	67.7	59.3	110.1	100.9	101.4	83.4
HEALTH											
Women life expectancy at birth, 2006 (years)	82.7	78.1	80.4	85.8	82.4	83.5	82.2	82.7	82.3	79.9	80.7
Infant mortality, 2006 (deaths /1 000 live births)	5.4	18.1	6.9	2.6	5.3	4.7	5.0	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.8
Expenditure, 2006 (% of GDP)	10.0	6.6	15.3	8.1	6.4	8.7	8.0	10.1	10.3	6.8	9.5
INCOME AND POVERTY											
GDP per capita, 2007 (1000 USD/cap.)	31.7	11.1	38.2	28.3	22.0	30.4	23.7	32.2	30.5	20.4	31.7
Poverty (% pop. < 50% median income)	12.0	18.4	17.1	14.9	14.6	12.4	10.8	6.6	8.8	5.8	5.3
Inequality (Gini levels)	2	31.7	47.4	38.1	32.1	30.1	33.5	26.0	26.0	25.0	25.0
Minimum to median wages, 2003	3	41.0	19.0	32.0	31.0	25.0	57.0	46.0	x	47.0	37.0
EMPLOYMENT											
Unemployment rate, 2007 (% of civilian labour force) 4	6.0	3.2	4.6	3.9	3.2	4.4	3.6	4.4	7.5	5.3	3.8
Labour force participation rate, 2006 (% 15-64 years)	80.0	64.5	75.5	80.3	69.4	77.5	79.8	77.1	68.2	70.5	82.2
Employment in agriculture, 2006 (%)	5	2.6	14.1	1.5	4.3	7.7	3.5	7.1	5.5	1.9	3.8
EDUCATION											
Education, 2006 (% 25-64 years)	6	85.6	32.4	87.8	84.0	76.7	66.7	69.4	80.3	66.9	90.3
Expenditure, 2005 (% of GDP)	7	6.2	6.5	7.1	4.9	7.2	5.8	6.7	5.5	6.0	4.6
OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE 8											
ODA, 2008 (% of GNI)	0.32	..	0.18	0.18	..	0.34	0.30	0.42	0.47	..	0.82
ODA, 2008 (USD/cap.)	142	..	86	73	..	148	81	201	223	..	510

.. not available. - nil or negligible. x not applicable.

1) Data may include provisional figures and Secretariat estimates. Partial totals are underlined.

2) Ranging from 0 (equal) to 100 (inequal) income distribution; figures relate to total disposable income (including all incomes, taxes and benefits) for the entire population.

3) Minimum wage as a percentage of median earnings including overtime pay and bonuses.

Source: OECD.

OECD EPR / SECOND CYCLE																			
FIN	FRA	DEU	GRC	HUN	ISL	IRL	ITA	LUX	NLD	NOR	POL	PRT	SLO	ESP	SWE	CHE	TUR	UKD	OECD
53	617	823	112	101	3	43	593	5	164	47	381	106	54	449	91	76	706	610	11799
6.1	8.8	3.7	10.9	-3.1	22.2	23.9	4.6	23.9	9.6	11.0	0.2	7.4	1.9	15.5	6.9	12.5	25.7	6.5	13.0
15.6	111.9	230.4	84.8	108.1	3.0	61.7	196.9	183.9	394.5	14.5	121.9	115.1	110.1	88.8	20.3	182.9	90.1	250.3	33.6
97.1	89.5	150.5	130.2	106.3	54.8	53.2	139.4	76.5	81.1	76.0	85.9	112.2	74.9	114.2	103.2	104.4	26.8	91.2	76.1
83.1	84.4	82.4	82.0	77.4	83.0	82.1	83.8	81.9	81.9	82.9	79.6	82.3	78.2	84.4	82.9	84.2	74.2	81.1	..
2.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	5.7	1.4	3.7	3.9	2.5	4.4	3.2	6.0	3.3	6.6	3.8	2.8	4.4	21.7	5.0	..
8.2	11.0	10.6	9.1	8.3	9.2	7.5	8.7	7.3	9.5	8.7	6.2	10.2	7.4	8.4	9.2	11.3	5.7	8.4	..
31.1	28.2	28.2	24.1	16.1	35.1	36.8	26.5	65.1	32.6	40.8	14.0	17.8	16.7	24.2	32.7	34.3	11.7	30.1	27.5
7.3	7.1	11.0	12.6	7.1	7.1	14.8	11.4	8.1	7.7	6.8	14.6	12.9	8.1	14.1	5.3	8.7	17.5	8.3	10.6
26.0	26.0	30.0	34.0	26.0	28.0	31.0	32.0	27.0	28.0	24.0	32.0	37.0	24.0	31.0	23.0	27.6	43.0	33.0	30.3
x	61.0	x	49.0	49.0	x	38.0	x	54.0	51.0	x	40.0	44.0	45.0	29.0	x	x	44.0	44.0	..
6.9	8.3	8.4	8.3	7.4	2.9	4.7	6.2	4.2	3.2	2.6	9.6	8.1	11.2	8.3	6.2	3.6	9.7	5.3	5.6
75.7	69.2	79.6	71.0	60.7	86.4	74.1	63.2	67.7	80.5	80.5	62.4	78.3	68.1	73.1	71.1	85.0	49.1	76.3	72.0
4.7	3.4	2.3	12.0	4.9	6.3	5.6	4.3	1.4	3.1	3.3	15.8	11.8	4.4	4.8	2.0	3.8	27.3	1.3	5.5
79.6	67.4	83.2	58.7	78.1	63.3	66.2	51.3	65.5	72.4	78.9	52.7	27.6	86.5	49.8	84.1	85.0	28.3	69.1	68.5
6.0	6.0	5.1	4.2	5.6	8.0	4.6	4.7	3.7	5.0	5.7	5.9	5.7	4.4	4.6	6.4	6.2	4.1	6.2	5.8
0.43	0.39	0.38	0.20	..	..	0.58	0.20	0.92	0.80	0.88	..	0.27	..	0.43	0.98	0.41	..	0.43	0.30
214	176	169	62	..	..	300	75	845	425	832	..	58	..	147	513	262	..	186	55

4) Standardised unemployment rates; MEX, ISL, TUR: commonly used definitions.

5) Civil employment in agriculture, forestry and fishing.

6) Upper secondary or higher education; OECD: average of rates.

7) Public and private expenditure on educational institutions; OECD: average of rates.

8) Official Development Assistance by Member countries of the OECD Development Assistance Committee.

II.A: SELECTED MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS (WORLDWIDE)

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			CAN	MEX	USA
1946	Washington	Conv. - Regulation of whaling	Y	D	R R
1956	Washington	Protocol	Y	D	R R
1949	Geneva	Conv. - Road traffic	Y	R	R
1957	Brussels	Conv. - Limitation of the liability of owners of sea-going ships	Y	S	
1979	Brussels	Protocol	Y		
1958	Geneva	Conv. - Fishing and conservation of the living resources of the high seas	Y	S	R R
1959	Washington	Treaty - Antarctic	Y	R	R
1991	Madrid	Protocol to the Antarctic treaty (environmental protection)	Y	R	R
1960	Geneva	Conv. - Protection of workers against ionising radiations (ILO 115)	Y		R
1962	Brussels	Conv. - Liability of operators of nuclear ships			
1963	Vienna	Conv. - Civil liability for nuclear damage	Y		R
1988	Vienna	Joint protocol relating to the application of the Vienna Convention and the Paris Convention	Y		
1997	Vienna	Protocol to amend the Vienna convention	Y		
1963	Moscow	Treaty - Banning nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water	Y	R	R R
1964	Copenhagen	Conv. - International council for the exploration of the sea	Y	R	R
1970	Copenhagen	Protocol	Y	R	R
1969	Brussels	Conv. - Intervention on the high seas in cases of oil pollution casualties (INTERVENTION)	Y		R R
1973	London	Protocol (pollution by substances other than oil)	Y		R R
1969	Brussels	Conv. - Civil liability for oil pollution damage (CLC)	Y	D	D S
1976	London	Protocol	Y	R	R
1992	London	Protocol	Y	R	R
1970	Bern	Conv. - Transport of goods by rail (CIM)	Y		
1971	Brussels	Conv. - International fund for compensation for oil pollution damage (FUND)		D	D S
1976	London	Protocol	Y	R	R
1992	London	Protocol (replaces the 1971 Convention)	Y	R	R
2000	London	Amendment to protocol (limits of compensation)	Y	R	R
2003	London	Protocol (supplementary fund)	Y		
1971	Brussels	Conv. - Civil liability in maritime carriage of nuclear material	Y		
1971	London, Moscow, Washington	Conv. - Prohib. emplacement of nuclear and mass destruct. weapons on sea-bed, ocean floor and subsoil	Y	R	R R
1971	Ramsar	Conv. - Wetlands of international importance especially as waterfowl habitat	Y	R	R R
1982	Paris	Protocol	Y	R	R R
1987	Regina	Regina amendment	Y	R	R
1971	Geneva	Conv. - Protection against hazards of poisoning arising from benzene (ILO 136)	Y		
1972	London, Mexico, Moscow, Washington	Conv. - Prevention of marine pollution by dumping of wastes and other matter (LC)	Y	R	R R
1996	London	Protocol to the Conv. - Prevention of marine poll. by dumping of wastes and other matter	Y	R	R S
2006	London	Amendment to Annex I of Prot (storage of CO ₂)	Y	R	R S
1972	Geneva	Conv. - Protection of new varieties of plants (revised)	Y	R	R R
1978	Geneva	Amendments	Y	R	R R
1991	Geneva	Amendments	Y		R
1972	Geneva	Conv. - Safe container (CSC)	Y	R	R R
1972	London, Moscow, Washington	Conv. - International liability for damage caused by space objects	Y	R	R R

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JPN	KOR	AUS	NZL	AUT	BEL	CZE	DNK	FIN	FRA	DEU	GRC	HUN	ISL	IRL	ITA	LUX	NLD	NOR	POL	PRT	SVK	ESP	SWE	CHE	TUR	UKD	EU
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			CAN	MEX	USA
1972	Paris	Conv. - Protection of the world cultural and natural heritage	Y	R	R R
1973	Washington	Conv. - International trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora (CITES)	Y	R	R R
1974	Geneva	Conv. - Prev. and control of occup. hazards caused by carcinog. subst. and agents (ILO 139)	Y		
1976	London	Conv. - Limitation of liability for maritime claims (LLMC)	Y		R
1996	London	Amendment to convention	Y	S	
1977	Geneva	Conv. - Protection of workers against occupational hazards in the working environment due to air pollution, noise and vibration (ILO 148)	Y		
1978	London	Protocol - Prevention of pollution from ships (MARPOL PROT)	Y	R	R R
1978	London	Annex III	Y	R	R
1978	London	Annex IV	Y		
1978	London	Annex V	Y		R R
1997	London	Annex VI	Y		S
1979	Bonn	Conv. - Conservation of migratory species of wild animals	Y		
1991	London	Agreem. - Conservation of bats in Europe	Y		
1992	New York	Agreem. - Conservation of small cetaceans of the Baltic and the North Seas (ASCOBANS)	Y		
1996	Monaco	Agreem. - Conservation of cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area	Y		
1996	The Hague	Agreem. - Conservation of African-Eurasian migratory waterbirds	Y		
2001	Canberra	Agreem. - Conservation of albatrosses and petrels (ACAP)	Y		
1982	Montego Bay	Conv. - Law of the sea	Y	R	R
1994	New York	Agreem. - relating to the implementation of part XI of the convention	Y	R	R S
1995	New York	Agreem. - Implementation of the provisions of the convention relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks	Y	R	R
1983	Geneva	Agreem. - Tropical timber	Y	R	R
1994	New York	Revised agreem. - Tropical timber	Y	R	R R
2006	Geneva	Revised agreem. - Tropical timber			S R
1985	Vienna	Conv. - Protection of the ozone layer	Y	R	R R
1987	Montreal	Protocol (substances that deplete the ozone layer)	Y	R	R R
1990	London	Amendment to protocol	Y	R	R R
1992	Copenhagen	Amendment to protocol	Y	R	R R
1997	Montreal	Amendment to protocol	Y	R	R R
1999	Beijing	Amendment to protocol	Y	R	R R
1986	Vienna	Conv. - Early notification of a nuclear accident	Y	R	R R
1986	Vienna	Conv. - Assistance in the case of a nuclear accident or radiological emergency	Y	R	R R
1989	Basel	Conv. - Control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal	Y	R	R S
1995	Geneva	Amendment			
1999	Basel	Prot. - Liability and compensation for damage			
1989	London	Conv. - Salvage	Y	R	R R

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			CAN	MEX	USA
1990	Geneva	Conv. - Safety in the use of chemicals at work (ILO 170)	Y		R
1990	London	Conv. - Oil pollution preparedness, response and co-operation (OPRC)	Y	R	R
2000	London	Protocol - Pollution incidents by hazardous and noxious substances (OPRC-HNS)	Y		
1992	Rio de Janeiro	Conv. - Biological diversity	Y	R	R
2000	Montreal	Prot. - Biosafety (Cartagena)	Y	S	R
1992	New York	Conv. - Framework convention on climate change	Y	R	R
1997	Kyoto	Protocol	Y	R	R
1993	Paris	Conv. - Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and their destruction	Y	R	R
1993	Geneva	Conv. - Prevention of major industrial accidents (ILO 174)	Y		
1993		Agreement - Promote compliance with international conservation and management measures by fishing vessels on the high seas	Y	R	R
1994	Vienna	Conv. - Nuclear safety	Y	R	R
1994	Paris	Conv. - Combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa	Y	R	R
1996	London	Conv. - Liability and compensation for damage in connection with the carriage of hazardous and noxious substances by sea (HNS)		S	
1997	Vienna	Conv. - Supplementary compensation for nuclear damage			S
1997	Vienna	Conv. - Joint convention on the safety of spent fuel management and on the safety of radioactive waste management	Y	R	R
1997	New York	Conv. - Law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses			
1998	Rotterdam	Conv. - Prior informed consent procedure for hazardous chemicals and pesticides (PIC)	Y	R	R
2001	London	Conv. - Civil liability for bunker oil pollution damage			
2001	London	Conv. - Control of harmful anti-fouling systems on ships			R
2001	Stockholm	Conv. - Persistent organic pollutants	Y	R	R

Source: IUCN; OECD.

II.B: SELECTED MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS (REGIONAL)

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			CAN	MEX	USA
1946	London	Conv. - Regulation of the meshes of fishing nets and the size limits of fish	Y		
1958	Dublin	Amendments	Y		
1960	London	Amendments	Y		
1961	Copenhagen	Amendments	Y		
1962	Hamburg	Amendments	Y		
1963	London	Amendments	Y		
1950	Paris	Conv. - Protection of birds	Y		
1957	Geneva	Agreem. - International carriage of dangerous goods by road (ADR)	Y		
1975	New York	Protocol	Y		
1958	Geneva	Agreem. - Adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for vehicles equipment and parts	Y		
1964	London	Conv. - Fisheries	Y		
1967	London	Conv. - Conduct of fishing operations in the North Atlantic	Y	S	S
1968	Strasbourg	Agreem. - Restriction of the use of certain detergents in washing and cleaning products	Y		
1983	Strasbourg	Protocol	Y		
1968	Paris	Conv. - Protection of animals during international transport	Y		
1979	Strasbourg	Protocol	Y		
1969	London	Conv. - Protection of the archaeological heritage of Europe	Y		
1979	Bern	Conv. - Conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats	Y		
1979	Geneva	Conv. - Long-range transboundary air pollution (CLRTAP)	Y	R	R
1984	Geneva	Protocol (financing of EMEP)	Y	R	R
1985	Helsinki	Protocol (reduction of sulphur emissions or their transboundary fluxes by at least 30%)	Y	R	
1988	Sofia	Protocol (control of emissions of nitrogen oxides or their transboundary fluxes)	Y	R	R
1991	Geneva	Protocol (control of emissions of volatile organic compounds or their transboundary fluxes)	Y	S	S
1994	Oslo	Protocol (further reduction of sulphur emissions)	Y	R	
1998	Aarhus	Protocol (heavy metals)	Y	R	R
1998	Aarhus	Protocol (persistent organic pollutants)	Y	R	R
1999	Gothenburg	Protocol (abate acidification, eutrophication and ground-level ozone)	Y	S	R

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			CAN MEX USA
1980	Madrid	Conv. - Transfrontier co-operation between territorial communities or authorities	Y
1995	Strasbourg	Additional protocol	Y
1998	Strasbourg	Second protocol	Y
1980	Bern	Conv. - International carriage of dangerous goods by train (COTIF)	Y
1980	London	Conv. - Future multilateral co-operation in North-East Atlantic fisheries	Y
1982	Paris	Memorandum of understanding on port state control	Y R
1991	Espoo	Conv. - Environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context	Y R S
2001	Sofia	Amendment	
2003	Kiev	Prot.- Strategic environmental assessment	
1992	Helsinki	Conv. - Transboundary effects of industrial accidents	Y S S
2003	Kiev	Prot. - Civil liability and compensation for damage caused by the transboundary effects of industrial accidents on transboundary waters	
1992	Helsinki	Conv. - Protection and use of transboundary water courses and international lakes	Y
1999	London	Prot. - Water and health	Y
2003	Kiev	Prot. - Civil liability and compensation for damage caused by the transboundary effects of industrial accidents on transboundary waters	
1992	La Valette	European Conv. - Protection of the archaeological heritage (revised)	Y
1993	Lugano	Conv. - Civil liability for damage resulting from activities dangerous to the environment	
1994	Lisbon	Treaty - Energy Charter	Y
1994	Lisbon	Protocol (energy efficiency and related environmental aspects)	Y
1998	Aarhus	Conv. - Access to env. information and public participation in env. decision-making	Y
2003	Kiev	Prot. - Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR)	
1998	Strasbourg	Conv. - Protection of the environment through criminal law	
2000	Florence	Conv. - European landscape convention	Y

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Reference III

ABBREVIATIONS

CAP	Common Agricultural Policy (EU)
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism (Kyoto Protocol)
CFCs	Chlorofluorocarbons
CLRTAP	Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (United Nations)
CHP	Combined heat and power
DoCENR	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
DoEHLG	Department of the Environment, Health and Local Government
DTO	Dublin Transportation Office
ECJ	European Court of Justice
EIA	Environmental impact assessment
EEN	Environmental Enforcement Network
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESB	Electricity Supply Board
ETS	Emission Trading Scheme (EU)
GDP	Gross domestic product
GNI	Gross national income
IEC	Irish Energy Centre
IPER	Irish Pollutant Emission Register
IPPC	Integrated pollution prevention and control
JI	Joint Implementation (Kyoto Protocol mechanism)
LCP	Large Combustion Plants
Mt CO ₂ eq	Million tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent
Mtoe	Million tonnes of oil equivalent
NDP	National Development Plan
NEC	National Emissions Ceiling (EU Directive)
NGO	Non-government organisation
NSDS	National Sustainable Development Strategy
ODA	Official development assistance
ODS	Ozone-depleting substances
OEE	Office of Environmental Enforcement
OIC	Office of the Information Commissioner
PAC	Pollution abatement and control

PAH	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
PCBs	Polychlorinated biphenyls
PM	Particulate matter
POP	Persistent organic pollutant
PPPs	Purchasing power parities
PRTR	Pollutant Release and Transfer Register
PSO	Public service obligation
SEA	Strategic environmental assessment
SEI	Sustainable Energy Ireland
TFC	Total final consumption
TPES	Total primary energy supply
TSP	Total suspended particulate matter
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
VOC	Volatile organic compound
VRT	Vehicle registration tax
WHO	World Health Organization

Reference IV

PHYSICAL CONTEXT

The *Republic of Ireland* is bounded on the west and south by the Atlantic Ocean and on the north by Northern Ireland. The Atlantic waters lying off the south coast are known as the Celtic Sea. To the east is the Irish Sea, which separates the island of Ireland from Great Britain. The Republic of Ireland has an area of 70 282 km². Its widest extensions are 486 kilometres north-south and 275 kilometres east-west.

Ireland is a *lowland country*. Several coastal mountain ranges surround the broad central calcareous plain, whose flatness is relieved in many places by low hills and ridges. The country's highest point is Carrantwohil (1 041 metres). Much of the 7 100 kilometre coastline is heavily indented, particularly along the entire western seaboard. The *climate* is temperate oceanic, influenced by a combination of the warm North Atlantic drift and prevailing winds from the south-west. It has a markedly maritime character; the range of mean temperatures over the year is relatively narrow, from 5 °C in winter to 15 °C in summer. Mean annual rainfall is 1 000 to 1 400 mm in the west and 750 to 1 000 mm in the east, while 2 000 mm is not uncommon in some mountain areas.

The Shannon, Ireland's longest river (370 kilometres), and several other rivers flow slowly through the central plain. The rivers on the seaward side of the mountain ranges are short and flow rapidly to the sea. Including approximately 6 000 lakes, *inland surface waters* cover 2% of the country's total area and provide rich fishery resources.

Ireland has one of the highest proportions of *land* devoted to agriculture in Europe. Grassland, mainly grazed by beef and dairy herds (16 million head of cattle and sheep), covers 44% of total land area; arable and permanent crop land covers nearly 18%, and forest and other wooded land nearly 10%. There are extensive bogs in some parts of the country. Over the last decade, the amount of cropland has increased by 18%; there has been a 10% decrease in permanent grassland and a 27% increase in forested area.

Ireland has some offshore *natural gas resources*. However, the Kinsale Head gas supply (off the south coast) is on the decline, and the opening of the Corrib field (off the north-west coast), which was discovered 1997, has been delayed. Ireland remains highly dependent on energy imports, predominantly oil.

Reference V

SELECTED ENVIRONMENTAL WEBSITES

Website	Host institution
<i>www.taoiseach.gov.ie</i>	Department of the Taoiseach (Prime Minister)
<i>www.ndp.ie</i>	National Development Plan
<i>www.comharsdc.ie</i>	Sustainable Development Council (Comhar)
<i>www.environ.ie</i>	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
<i>www.epa.ie</i>	Environmental Protection Agency
<i>www.enfo.ie</i>	Environmental Information Portal
<i>www.dfa.ie/</i>	Department of Foreign Affairs
<i>www.finance.gov.ie/</i>	Department of Finance
<i>www.dohc.ie</i>	Department of Health and Children
<i>www.transport.ie</i>	Department of Transport
<i>www.dto.ie</i>	Dublin Transportation Office
<i>www.dcenr.gov.ie</i>	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
<i>www.sei.ie</i>	Sustainable Energy Ireland (national energy agency)
<i>www.agriculture.gov.ie/</i>	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
<i>www.entemp.ie</i>	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment
<i>www.forfas.ie</i>	National Advisory Body for Enterprise and Science
<i>www.cso.ie</i>	Central Statistics Office



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