

PRTR Developments Worldwide



**Meeting of the Consultative Group for the North
American PRTR Project
12-13 December 2001, Montreal**

Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety (IFCS)

- **Forum III Meeting, Brazil, October 2000**
- **Special Session on PRTRs**
- **Bahía Declaration: “By 2004, at least 2 additional countries in each IFCS region will have established a PRTR...”**
- **PRTR/Emission Inventory Action Plan**

www.who.int/ifcs/forum3/index.html

Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)

- Cooperative agreement among UNEP, ILO, FAO, WHO, UNIDO, UNITAR and OECD
- IOMC PRTR Coordinating Group
- Coordinating follow-up to Forum III, preparing report to Forum IV

www.who.int/iomc/

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

- Council Recommendation (1996)
- Guidance Manual for Governments
- Task Force on Release Estimation Techniques
- Member country survey
- Presentation and Dissemination of PRTR Data: Practices and Experiences
- Why PRTRs Differ: A Review of National Programmes

www.oecd.org/env/prtr

European Pollutant Emission Register (EPER)

- To be introduced in 2003
- Reporting every 3 years by member countries
- Covers approximately 50 chemicals, releases to air, water only
- Data will be publicly accessible via Internet
- Intended to evolve into comprehensive PRTR system

Aarhus Convention

- UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters
- Development of PRTR Protocol
 - Working Group is preparing draft
 - Will be open to all countries

www.unece.org/env/pp