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1 Environmental protection emerged as a matter of international concern in the 1960s, about the same time as it became the focus of law and policy within many States (see also Environment, International Protection). Public opinion, increasingly aware of environmental harm due to major oil spills and other sources of pollution, was a major factor in this development. In this context, the government of Sweden, in 1968, proposed that the United Nations convene an international conference on the human environment. The stated aim was to focus attention on the...

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