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**COMMON MARKET OFFICIAL SAYS POLLUTION CONTROLS
SHOULD NOT BECOME TRADE RESTRAINTS**

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 15 -- The battle against environmental pollution must not be allowed to turn into a new source of protection against foreign competition, a Common Market official said today in Washington.

The official, Robert Toulemon, Director General for Industry at the Commission of the European Communities in Brussels made this statement at the opening session of a three-day conference on "Goals and Strategy for Environmental Quality Improvement in the 1970's." The conference is being sponsored by the Atlantic Council of the United States, Washington, D.C. and the Batelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, Ohio.

After the Community's enlargement, the United States will be able to cooperate far more easily than now with West European countries, Mr. Toulemon said. It will then have to deal only with one entity. (The United Kingdom, Denmark, Ireland, and Norway are now negotiating for membership in the Common Market.)

He also said that the Commission intends to draw up a Community plan for environmental protection in its six member countries (Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands). Common regulations have already been passed for controlling pollution by motor vehicles, one of the most serious sources of pollution on both sides of the Atlantic.