

The Seventh Session of the Canada-France Joint Scientific Commission (Commission Mixte Scientifique - CMS) was held in PARIS on May 26 and 27, 1988, in accordance with the Exchange of Letters between the French and Canadian governments dated October 23, 1973, which supplemented the Cultural Agreement of November 17, 1965.

Mr. Jacques Laureau Directeur de la Coopération Scientifique, Technique et du Développement for the Ministère des Affaires Etrangères presided over the French delegation.

Mr. Graham Mitchell, Executive Director General for Europe, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa presided over the Canadian delegation.

The composition of these delegations appears in Appendix I to these minutes along with that of the sectoral groups.

The Commission's activities proceeded according to the agenda which appears in Appendix II and were based on the list of projects prepared by the two delegations. This list integrates updates of old projects with new French, Canadian or joint proposals.

Working groups were created to examine the project proposals and to establish a set of priorities for the next few years in the following sectors: biotechnology, space, oceanology, cold region technologies, new materials, information technologies, the environment, transportation, etc.