

Following his visit to Expo '86 on May 9, Mr. De Clercq will meet with Mr. Clark on May 10 and the two will co-chair the Sixth session of the Canada-EC Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC). The JCC meets at the Ministerial level to review agreed programs of cooperation under the Framework Agreement and provide direction for further endeavours. Mr. Clark and Mr. De Clercq will review reports of the JCC Sub-Committees, approve work plans and discuss the direction of future cooperation between Canada and the European Communities.

In particular the Preparatory and General Cooperation Sub-Committee will report on its activities in the fields of science and technology, which have an emphasis on pre-commercialization research intended to lead to future industrial benefits to both sides (e.g. informatics, biotechnology and advanced materials). The Sub-Committee for Industrial Cooperation will report various industrial cooperation initiatives (e.g. a Machinery Manufacturing Industrial Development Mission to the EC, Nickel and Tungsten Seminars) and the results of its policy reviews aimed at determining means of enhancing the growth of small and medium sized enterprises in the respective economies.