

out concrete projects. To this end they will use the means which they judge most useful, with the understanding that the national authorities in charge of the implementation of the Agreement will be kept regularly informed of progress through the active cooperation of accredited science counsellors in both countries.

It is the task of the Joint Commission, under its two chairmen, to coordinate and direct work carried out under the Agreement. In the intervals between Commission meetings the chairmen are also responsible for deciding what action should be taken with respect to new areas for cooperation which may be brought to their attention.

The work which the two countries carry out in cooperation in several international organizations was also discussed. While it was agreed that this form of cooperation would not be made a part of the Commission's set program, the advantages of specialized contacts of this kind were nonetheless acknowledged, in view of the opportunities thus afforded for exchanges on scientific activities.

2. TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED RESEARCH

The two sides examined the state of progress achieved in cooperation on the areas singled out by the Joint Commission in December 1973.

It was noted that the primary approach chosen at that time, that of promoting contacts and cooperation between industry in the two countries, had not achieved much success, mainly because of problems connected with industrial policy, intellectual property and the secrecy maintained in industry and commerce.