

During the fourth meeting of the Industrial Co-operation Sub-committee, co-presided by Mr. Anthony Guérin, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Canadian Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and Mr. J. Loeff, views were exchanged on industrial development policies in Canada and the EC, and the current state of co-operation in the sub-committee's working groups on forest products, telecommunications and data-processing, aeronautics, and the nuclear industry was reviewed. The sub-committee adopted terms of reference of a new working group on metals and minerals, which will cover the iron and steel, asbestos, non-ferrous metals and coal sectors. The sub-committee discussed the recently established link between the Business Co-operation Centre of the EC Commission and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, which will help to promote joint ventures and related arrangements between Canada and Community firms. The sub-committee also exchanged preliminary views on the work programme for industrial co-operation in 1979-80.

During this week semi-annual senior official consultations also took place on various multilateral and bilateral economic issues and consultations were continued under Article XIX of GATT on Canada's import restrictions on footwear.