

ARTICLE 6

Coordination and Facilitation of Cooperative Activities

1. The coordination and facilitation of Cooperative Activities under this Agreement shall be effected on behalf of China, by the Ministry of Science and Technology and, on behalf of Canada, by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, acting as Executive Agents. Each Party may designate another Executive Agent should its Executive Agent identified in this paragraph cease to be responsible for the subject-matter of this Agreement. The Party designating another Executive Agent shall notify the other Party in writing of the name of its new Executive Agent.

2. The Executive Agents shall establish a Joint Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation, hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Committee". The Parties shall each designate a co-chairperson and an equal number of representatives to sit on the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee shall operate on the basis of consensus. It shall establish its own rules of procedure.

3. The functions of the Joint Committee shall be to:

- (a) promote and oversee the different areas of Cooperative Activities as decided by the Parties pursuant to Article 4 of this Agreement;
- (b) identify among the forms of Cooperative Activities, listed in Article 5 of this Agreement, priority forms of Cooperative Activities for each calendar year;
- (c) propose, pursuant to Article 5 of this Agreement, the pooling of certain research and development projects which would be of mutual benefit and complementary;
- (d) advise the Parties on ways to enhance and improve cooperation consistent with the principles set out in this Agreement;
- (e) review the functioning and implementation of this Agreement;

4. The Joint Committee shall meet every two years according to a jointly determined schedule. The meetings should be held alternately in China and in Canada. Extraordinary meetings may be organized at the request of either Party.