

7TH CANADA-MEXICO JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Ottawa, January 22-23, 1990

The Canada/Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee was formally established in November, 1968 by an exchange of notes during a Ministerial mission to Latin America. The objective was to provide a forum for consultations by Ministers on "matters of common interest to the two countries in the political as well as the economic and commercial fields" and other questions, including those relating to cultural exchanges. The last one, which was attended by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, was held in Mexico in 1986.

Bilateral discussions involving as many as nine Canadian Ministers and their Mexican counterparts will be held covering subjects to include environmental concerns, agricultural projects, forestry cooperation, trade issues, investment possibilities, international monetary issues, tourism, and cooperation on legal matters.

There will be an exchange of views on international and regional political and economic affairs from our perspective as a Summit partner and new member of the OAS and from Mexico's as a Newly Industrialized Country a member of the Rio Group, and G-77.

The meetings will be used to advance preparations for the Prime Minister's visit to Mexico 15-18 March, 1990.

Plenary sessions will be co-chaired by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Relations, Fernando Solana. The Mexicans will be hosted in their bilateral discussions by their Canadian counterparts.