

The third meeting of the Joint Commission on Scientific, Industrial and Technological Cooperation between Belgium and Canada was held in Ottawa from September 15 to 18, 1975.

At the opening session Dr. M. LeClair, chairman of the Canadian Delegation, welcomed the members of the Belgian Delegation, noting the special relationship which exists between the two countries.

Mr. A. Stenmans, chairman of the Belgian Delegation, replied and expressed his confidence as to the results which the meeting would produce.

1. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The two sides agreed to give special attention to topics related to the national aims of the two countries, such as improvement of living conditions (including environmental protection), intensification of technological development, especially in small and middle-sized enterprise, improvement of the energy situation and conservation of raw materials.

The two sides consider that the exchange of information undertaken since the Agreement came into effect has made it possible to determine specific channels of cooperation in a number of areas. It is felt that on the basis of these and of any new subjects which may arise between meetings, it should be possible to carry out concrete projects of real interest to both countries.

A flexible approach toward the implementation of the program of cooperation agreed on by the Joint Commission will be needed from those in both countries engaged in working on the topics selected and in carrying