

VANCOUVER COMMUNIQUÉ

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For further consideration and action in 1994:

1. The establishment of a North American Corporate Higher Education Council comprised of senior representatives of the corporate and higher education communities from the three countries to act as advocates, within the two communities and across North America, for further partnering in the realization of mutually agreed objectives. It would engage a broad dialogue with all concerned institutions and organizations in support of trilateral cooperation.

The creation, by this council, of a consortium of North American Business for Trilateral Research, Development and Training to operate for an initial period of, say, seven years. The consortium's objectives would be to secure private sector funding, through the membership of individual corporate citizens of the three countries, to be used to implement research and training initiatives of value to both the corporate and higher education communities.

2. As part of the long-term operations of NADERN, the development and implementation of a plan for a consortium to broker access to recognized graduate distance education courses and to develop a mechanism for awarding degrees for such composite programs.

3. Continuing and enhanced support by research granting agencies, foundations and other partners for trilateral collaborative research programs and research networks.

We, the participants at the Vancouver Symposium, commend these conclusions and proposals as a constructive contribution to the development and implementation of appropriate policies that support and promote the internationalization of higher education, research and training.