

The Canada-Tunisian Joint Commission, created in 1968, held its seventh meeting in Ottawa April 26 to 28, 1976.

The Tunisian Delegation was headed by H. E. Mr. Mongi Kooli, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, assisted by H. E. Mr. Taieb Slim, Tunisian Ambassador in Ottawa.

The Canadian Delegation was led by the Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer, Minister of Supply and Services, assisted by Mr. D'Iberville Fortier, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The two delegations first reviewed foreign policy subjects of interest to the two countries. They were thus able to note a wide similarity of views on current principal problems.

With respect to economic and industrial co-operation, the Canadian Delegation summed up the guidelines of the Canadian aid strategy for the next five years. The Tunisian Delegation, for its part, presented the broad outline of the Fifth Development Plan, 1977-1981, which is the framework for co-operation between the two countries. The two Delegations then proceeded with a review of the on-going co-operation programme and undertook the study of new co-operation projects.

Both Delegations have agreed to study the possibility of diversifying and increasing industrial co-operation and trade between the two countries.

Finally, the Delegations agreed on a programme for cultural exchanges for 1976-1977.

The Seventh Joint Commission was concluded by the signature of a summary of the minutes and of an additional loan agreement to the micro-wave system project.