

At today's meeting, the two delegations reviewed the work of industrial and scientific cooperation which has been accomplished since the last meeting in July 1981, and approved the attached reports. The sectors covered by this activity include metals and minerals (asbestos, coal, iron and steel, non-ferrous metals) forest products, uranium, energy conservation, urban transportation, science and technology and environment.

One significant event since the last meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee was the holding of the World Symposium on Asbestos in Montreal in May, 1982. This symposium, which was co-sponsored by Canada, the Province of Quebec and the Commission of the European Communities conducted an in-depth examination of the state of scientific knowledge of all aspects of asbestos use and manufacture and the implications for public health and safety. A new working group on urban transportation was established, and agreement was reached on future cooperation on waste water research. The Committee expressed satisfaction with progress achieved to-date, but agreed that ample scope remains for intensifying cooperation and fulfilling the potential of the Framework Agreement. The Committee also approved the Work Programme for the next year which will focus on the potential for expanding cooperation in areas such as transportation, alternative sources of energy, energy saving equipment and small and medium-size enterprises. Cooperation will be intensified on research, environment and health and safety in the work place.

The Deputy Prime Minister and the Vice-President also took the occasion to review a wide range of multilateral and bilateral issues. They focussed in particular upon the trading environment, the need to resist protectionist pressures, and to implement effectively and as soon as possible the results of the