

Other projects accepted by the meeting and supported by Canada included (i) Collection of Trade and Investment Data; (ii) Energy Cooperation; (iii) Human Resource Development; (iv) Investment and Technology Transfer; (v) Trade Promotion; and (vi) Telecommunications.

Officials will also examine possibilities for further collaboration in fisheries, transportation and tourism.

Ministers agreed to meet again in Seoul in October 1991, recognizing in their Joint Statement, the value of "consultation among policymakers...in their common efforts to sustain growth, promote adjustment and reduce economic disparities."

Expanding participation in APEC from the current twelve countries to include the economies of Hong Kong and Taiwan as well as the People's Republic of China was also reviewed. Ministers agreed that a way should be found for all three to join, hopefully by the time of the Seoul meeting, and that Ministers would keep under review the possible participation of other economies with strong or increasing economic linkages to Asia-Pacific.

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