

12. The Mexican-Canadian relationship, as agreed by the President of Mexico and the Prime Minister of Canada, is developing within the framework of a global scheme of bilateral cooperation oriented towards a more intense, balanced and mutually beneficial relationship.

13. Both delegations noted with satisfaction that this was the occasion of the first meeting of the Industrial and Energy Cooperation Committees. Ministers also commented on the significant progress which has been achieved in industrial and economic cooperation following from the meeting between President José López Portillo and Prime Minister Trudeau in Ottawa last May, 1980.

14. The Mexican delegation informed the Canadian delegation of the approval of Mexico's National Energy Programme which includes the decision to put into operation 20 reactors between now and the year 2000 with an installed capacity of 20,000 MW. In the first phase, which will be completed at the end of the 1980's, the programme foresees the installation of 2,000 to 2,400 MW for which the responsible Mexican authorities are preparing specifications in order to invite international bids.

15. Selection of appropriate technologies will take into account the Mexican objective to raise progressively to the maximum possible level the domestic production of components.

16. The Canadian delegation reiterated its offer to participate in the development of Mexico's nuclear programme offering their experience and pointing out the advantages offered by the CANDU system. The Mexican delegation noted this proposal with interest and indicated that international tenders would soon be called.

17. The Canadian delegation announced that Atomic Energy of Canada Limited intends to open an office in Mexico City to cooperate with Mexican authorities.

18. Both delegations agreed that there was the possibility of cooperation in this sector which will take into account the basic objectives of Mexico in the form of technological transfers, creation of joint ventures, Mexicanization and financing.