

## II. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

### 1. OVERVIEW

Since the June 2, 1989 Joint Cooperation Committee meeting in Brussels, the two sub-committees, the Preparatory and General Cooperation Sub-Committee and the Sub-Committee for Industrial Cooperation met in full session in Ispra, Italy at the Joint Research Centre of the EC on October 26-27, 1989. The Co-Chairmen of the two sub-committees also each had one mid-term review meeting since then. These meetings took place in Ottawa on April 26, 1990 for the former and on May 22, 1990 for the latter.

### 2. PREPARATORY AND GENERAL COOPERATION SUB-COMMITTEE

In addition to reviewing and steering a broad range of activities related to science and technology cooperation between Canada and the EC, the Sub-Committee has provided an important forum for policy-oriented exchanges, particularly related to environment, telecommunications and nuclear activities. The bilateral dialogue in these areas has been given new impetus through the initiation in 1989 of regular environmental consultations between Canada and the EC, as well as regular consultations on information technologies and telecommunications. The activities launched in the context of these consultations are reviewed within the Preparatory and General Cooperation Sub-Committee, as are those covered by the annual consultations under the 1959 Canada/Euratom Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Use of Atomic Energy.

#### A. Cooperation in Science and Technology

The current S&T activities of the Sub-Committee are divided into three types:

- (i) Developments in S&T policy on each side were reviewed by the Sub-Committee at its meeting in Ispra in October 1989, and have continued to proceed along the lines then discussed:
  - In the EC the major event is the adoption of the New Framework Programme of Research and Technological Development for the next five years (1990-1994). This new program focuses on three important dimensions of scientific activities that reflect the Commission's new