

Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Mr. R.A.D. Ford, and his conscientious and professional staff.

As the House is aware, I invited Premier Kosygin to visit Canada at a time convenient to each of us, and he accepted with pleasure. I am certain that on that occasion Canadians will respond to the Soviet leader with the same warmth and congeniality as was shown to me by persons in every city I visited. I am particularly grateful to Mr. Kosygin who spent some 20 hours with me and whose daughter acted throughout the visit as the hostess for my wife....

U.S.S.R.-CANADA PROTOCOL ON CONSULTATIONS

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and in the Senate on June 2, 1971.)

Inspired by a desire to develop and strengthen relations of friendship, good neighbourliness and mutual confidence between the two countries.

Expressing a desire for co-operation in the interests of maintaining international peace and security in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and

Conscious of the responsibilities of the Soviet Union and Canada as members of the United Nations to promote the preservation of peace,

Believing that the Soviet Union and Canada can contribute toward the above goals by acting in a spirit of co-operation, mutual respect and reciprocal benefit,

Endeavouring to improve and further develop relations between the two countries by means of high-level contacts, expanding ties and exchanges in the fields of economy, trade, science, technology, culture and northern development,

Noting with satisfaction the conclusion of the Soviet-Canadian Agreement on Co-operation in the Industrial Application of Science and Technology, and the development of trade on the basis of the 1956 Trade Agreement,

Conscious of the responsibility of the two sides to preserve and protect the environment of the Arctic and the sub-Arctic areas,

Fully determined to go on developing political and economic co-operation,

The Prime Minister of Canada and the Soviet leaders have agreed on the following:

1. The Soviet Union and Canada shall enlarge and deepen consultations on important international problems of mutual interest and on questions of bilateral relations by means of periodic meetings. Such consultations will embrace: