

4. The location of meetings held pursuant to the present Article shall alternate between Canada and the Russian Federation unless the Parties agree otherwise. A representative of the Ministry for Foreign Economic Relations shall lead the Russian delegation and a representative of the Department of External Affairs and International Trade shall lead the Canadian delegation to such meetings. Each meeting shall be chaired by a representative of the host Party.

ARTICLE XVI

ENTRY INTO FORCE, TERM AND TERMINATION

1. For the purpose of the entry into force of this Agreement, the Parties will inform each other by an exchange of notes that their respective legal requirements have been completed. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of notes or, in the event that the exchange of notes does not take place on the same day, on the date of the last note.
2. On the entry into force of this Agreement, the Trade Agreement between Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, signed at Ottawa on February 29, 1956 and extended by successive protocols to April 17, 1993, shall cease to have effect between Canada and the Russian Federation.
3. This Agreement shall remain in force unless terminated by either Party upon six months' notice to the other Party. Should this Agreement be terminated, both Parties will to the extent possible, seek to minimize possible disruption to their trade relations.
4. The rights and obligations arising out of contracts entered into between persons of the Parties shall be the responsibility of such persons only. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect the fulfilment of obligations or undertakings arising from contracts entered into during the period the Agreement was in force.
5. Except as expressly provided herein, nothing in this Agreement overrides or modifies agreements already in force between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed this Agreement.