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Prime Minister Trudeau (right) speaks with President Mubarak.

opment activities in Egypt and covers all phases of economic, technical and related assistance.

On the final day of his visit, President Mubarak met with members of the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs and Defence and the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs. During the session, Mr. Mubarak answered a number of questions posed by members of Parliament and the Senate concerning international and bilateral issues.

Funds for flood victims

Canada will give \$120 000 to international agencies in response to their appeals for assistance to victims of flooding in Ecuador.

The funds to be provided through the Canadian International Development Agency will go to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO, \$50 000) and to the League of Red Cross Societies (LRCS, \$70 000).

Large areas of coastal Ecuador have been flooded as a result of unusually heavy rains, damaging livestock and crops, as well as washing out roads, bridges and railways. While the death toll is minimal, a serious health hazard exists, including risk of epidemics, malaria, Venezuelan equine fever and snakebites.

Canada's grant of \$50 000 to PAHO will be devoted to purchase of the insecticide Malathion, one of the high priority items identified by the government of Ecuador.

External affairs minister addresses disarmament committee

Secretary of State for External Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister Allan J. MacEachen visited Belgium and Switzerland, January 26 to February 2, during which he addressed the Committee on Disarmament in Geneva.

In Brussels, Mr. MacEachen and Wilhelm Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities co-chaired the fifth meeting of the Canada-EC Joint Co-operation Committee held January 27.

The joint committee was set up seven years ago under the Framework Agreement on Commercial and Economic Co-operation signed by Canada and the European Communities. The committee is designed to promote and review commercial and economic co-operation between Canada and the EC. It meets at the ministerial level alternately in Ottawa and Brussels and provides a means of co-ordinating economic development and enhancing bilateral exchanges.

At this year's meeting Mr. MacEachen and Mr. Haferkamp said that the joint co-operation committee and its sub-committees constituted an important vehicle for intensifying Canada-EC co-operation and trade.

Co-operation reviewed

The two delegations reviewed the industrial and scientific co-operation which had taken place since the last meeting in July 1981. The review covered activities in the areas of metals and minerals (asbestos, coal, iron and steel, non-ferrous metals) forest products, uranium, energy conservation, urban transportation, science and technology, and environment.

Since the last meeting a world symposium on asbestos, co-sponsored by Canada, Quebec and the Commission of the European Communities, was held in Montreal in May 1982. The meeting provided an opportunity for in-depth examination of asbestos use, its manufacture and the implications for public health and safety.

The committee also noted that during the last year a new working group on urban transportation was established by Canada and the EC and an agreement was reached on waste water research. The two delegations expressed satisfaction with progress thus far but agreed that there is room for increasing co-operation and fulfilling the potential of the framework

agreement.

The committee also approved a work program for next year which will examine further co-operation in areas such as transportation, alternative sources of energy, energy saving equipment, and small- and medium-sized businesses. Co-operation will be intensified on research, environment, and health and safety in the work place.

During his visit to Belgium, Mr. MacEachen discussed a number of multi-lateral and bilateral issues with Mr. Haferkamp. The two focused on trade emphasizing the value of the growing commercial interchange between the EC and Canada. They also spoke of the need to resist protectionist pressures and to implement as soon as possible the results of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) ministerial meeting. The GATT governs trade relations between Canada and the EC. Mr. MacEachen and Mr. Haferkamp discussed the Canada-European Communities Long Term Fisheries Agreement and imports of seal products by the EC.

The Canadian external affairs minister also met with Gaston Thorn, President of the Commission of the European Communities and several other members of the commission to review current bilateral and multilateral issues of interest.

Following his visit to Belgium, Mr. MacEachen travelled to Davos, Switzerland to participate in the European Management Forum's Symposium. The symposium was sponsored by the Commission of the European Communities, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Union of Industries of the European Community (UNICE). The meeting was attended by heads of government, senior ministers as well as key businessmen and senior officials of international institutions. The symposium focused on global economic issues and on advancing common efforts for world-wide economic progress and co-operation.

Canada concerned about arms race

On February 1, Secretary of State for External Affairs MacEachen addressed the opening plenary session of the Committee on Disarmament. The 40-member Committee on Disarmament, the multi-lateral negotiating body in Geneva, meets each year from early February to late