

Summary Record
of the
Sixth Session of the Canadian-German
Cultural Mixed Commission, Bonn 29-31 October 1990

In accordance with Article 17 of the Agreement of 3 March 1975 on cultural cooperation between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of Canada, the sixth session of representatives of the parties to the agreement took place in Bonn from 29 to 31 October 1990 for the purpose of reviewing their cultural exchanges and for elaborating proposals for further cultural cooperation. The German Delegation was led by Ambassador Dr. Horst Schirmer, the Canadian Delegation by Director General Jean-Pierre Juneau. The attached lists contain the names of other members of both delegations.

The following subjects were discussed in the course of the meeting:

1. Cooperation in the field of post-secondary education

Both sides welcomed the existing contacts between institutes of higher learning in both countries and the cooperation in the field of post-graduate training. They encourage their expansion in all areas of cooperation and will support initiatives in making new contacts and cooperation agreements. Both sides welcomed in particular the further development of Canadian Studies at German universities. They promote exchanges of university teachers and scholars as well as their participation in academic congresses and events in both countries.

The German side would welcome opportunities for more German "Fachhochschul" students to be able to complete their "practical" semester in Canada and the German side offers reciprocal treatment for Canadian students.

Both sides emphasized the importance of scholarships and other exchange programs for students and scholars from both countries. The Canadian side announced that it would increase the number of Government of Canada awards from 18 to 22 in recognition of German unification for which the German side expressed its appreciation.

The German side expressed its concerns with respect to tuition fees, visa and work permit fees and taxation of grants and research awards and the Canadian side in response explained Canadian policies in this regard.