

2. As means to such ends, the Contracting Parties shall as appropriate encourage and facilitate *inter alia*:

- broader inter-corporate links between their respective industries, especially in the form of joint ventures;
- greater participation by their respective firms in the industrial development of the Contracting Parties on mutually advantageous terms;
- increased and mutually beneficial investment;
- technological and scientific exchanges;
- joint operations by their respective firms and organisations in third countries.

3. The Contracting Parties will as appropriate encourage the regular exchange of industrial, agricultural and other information relevant to commercial economic co-operation as well as the development of contacts and promotion activities between firms and organizations in these areas in the Communities and Canada.

4. Without prejudice to the relevant provision of the Treaties establishing the Communities, the present Agreement and any action taken thereunder shall in no way affect the powers of the Member States of the Communities to undertake bilateral activities with Canada in the field of economic co-operation and to conclude, where appropriate, new economic co-operation agreements with Canada.

ARTICLE IV

Joint Co-operation Committee

A Joint Co-operation Committee shall be set up to promote and keep under review the various commercial and economic co-operation activities envisaged between Canada and the Communities. Consultations shall be held in the Committee at an appropriate level in order to facilitate the implementation and to further the general aims of the present Agreement. The Committee will normally meet at least once a year. Special meetings of the Committee shall be held at the request of either party. Sub-committees shall be constituted where appropriate in order to assist the Committee in the performance of its tasks.

ARTICLE V

Other Agreements

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect or impair the rights and obligations of the Contracting Parties under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

2. To the extent that the provisions of the present Agreement are incompatible with the provisions of the Agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community and Canada of October 6, 1959, the provisions of the present Agreement shall prevail.

3. Subject to the provisions concerning economic co-operation in Article III, paragraph 4, the provisions of this Agreement shall be substituted for provisions of agreements concluded between Member States of the Communities and Canada to the extent to which the latter provisions are either incompatible with or identical to the former.