

northern development. It was noted that the exchanges of experience and technology in this area, which is of common interest to the two countries, had been productive and that opportunities existed for further advances in this area. Satisfaction was expressed over the recent successful visit to the U.S.S.R. of the Canadian Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Honourable Jean Chrétien. A promising result of that visit was that it facilitated agreement on a meeting in Moscow of technical experts to elaborate topics, organizational forms and methods for scientific co-operation on Arctic problems.

Noting that the severe climatic and unique ice and navigation conditions in the Arctic, as well as other specific features, call for increased efforts in developing and using the northern territories of the U.S.S.R. and Canada, the two sides consider it useful to expand bilateral co-operation on Arctic

problems. The two sides agreed that this kind of co-operation could be aimed in particular at preventing pollution in Arctic waters and taking other measures for the preservation in these areas of the ecological balance which is of importance for the protection of the human environment.

With a view to the further expansion of commerce between the two countries, it is the intention to continue discussions on the expansion of co-operation in the field of air transport and maritime shipping.

The Governments of the U.S.S.R. and Canada, attaching great importance to the maintenance of regular personal contacts between government leaders of the two countries, express their intention to continue such contacts.

The Chairman of the U.S.S.R. Council of Ministers expressed his gratitude for the warm hospitality accorded to him in Canada.