

7. During the three working days of the Fourth Meeting of the Ministerial Committee, both sides examined bilateral relations between the two countries in their political and economic aspects, with special emphasis on cooperation in the commercial, industrial, energy and agricultural fields. In addition, they exchanged views on the current international situation.

8. The meeting produced the following results:

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9. Both delegations noted with satisfaction the cordial spirit of the relations between Mexico and Canada and, in particular, of the new momentum that the visit of President López Portillo to Canada last May and subsequent visits by Ministers and senior officials of both countries have given to those relations. They agreed that both sides should continue working to maintain and reinforce this momentum, with a view to enhancing mutually beneficial contacts between the public and private sectors of the two countries.

10. The Ministers recalled the agreement of the President and the Prime Minister in May 1980, that there was a need to expand both the range and the frequency of cultural and academic exchange projects and recommended that the meeting of the Canada-Mexico Mixed Commission, which will meet in Ottawa in February 1981, should identify specific projects and programmes to give greater substance to the cultural agreement between the two countries.

11. The Ministers agreed that relations between the countries of North America should continue to develop bilaterally, permitting better understanding in order to increase the respective relationships to the benefit of each of their peoples.