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SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CANADA-BELGIUM MIXED COMMISSION OCTOBER 19-22, 1981

The Department of External Affairs announced today that the seventh meeting of the Canada-Belgium Mixed Commission was held in Quebec City, October 19-22, 1981. The Commission was established under the Cultural Agreement signed between Canada and Belgium in July 1967.

The co-chairmen of the Commission were Mr. Jacques Gignac, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, for the Canadian side, and Mr. F. Dethier, Director General of Higher Education and Scientific Research at the Belgian Ministry of National Education.

A meeting of the Quebec-Belgium Sub-Commission was held at the same time. The Quebec side was led by Mr. Robert Normand, Deputy Minister of the Quebec Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, who, as Chairman of the Quebec delegation, is also an ex-officio member of the Mixed Commission.

The Canadian delegation was composed of representatives of the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, as well as of federal departments and agencies involved in the administration of cultural exchange programmes between the two countries.

The Commission reviewed the activities that have taken place in the framework of the cultural agreement since its sixth meeting last year in Antwerp. During the past year, cultural relations between the two countries received an impetus from the impressive array of activities that made up "Belgian Autumn in Canada", in particular the appearances in Montreal and Ottawa of the Theatre Workshop of Louvain-la-Neuve, the Delvaux exhibition in Montreal and Calgary and the cross-Canada tour of