

Last fall Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Kosygin signed in Ottawa a General Exchanges Agreement dealing with scientific, educational, cultural and other fields of co-operation. The Agreement provided for the establishment of a Mixed Commission which met for the first time in Moscow June 7-9, 1972. The Canadian side, which was headed by Mr. J.G.H. Halstead, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, also included representatives of Federal Government Departments and Agencies, Provincial Governments and organizations, and members of the academic community.

The Mixed Commission agreed on a Programme of exchanges between Canada and the USSR for the period 1972-1973. There are six major areas of co-operation: science, education, the arts, cinematography, television and radio, and sports. Exchanges between non-governmental bodies and tourism are also mentioned. The guiding principle of all aspects of the Programme is mutual benefit and reciprocity.

One of the major provisions of the Programme is the establishment of regular and long-term co-operation in Arctic science, resources and development. A wide range of academic and educational exchanges has also been agreed, involving on the Canadian side a national exchanges scheme whereby qualified Canadian post-graduate students may further