

shall maintain ties, co-ordinate and facilitate the elaboration and implementation of joint measures of co-operation undertaken in accordance with the present Agreement.

5. On mutual agreement within the framework of the Canadian-Soviet Mixed Commission on Co-operation in Agriculture, mixed working groups shall be organized and shall meet alternately in Canada and in the USSR on an annual basis.

ARTICLE VI

If a working arrangement does not provide otherwise, each Contracting Party or participating institution, organization or enterprise shall bear the expense of its participation or the participation of its staff in joint measures of co-operation undertaken in accordance with the present Agreement.

ARTICLE VII

1. Nothing in the present Agreement shall be construed as contrary to, or intended to alter, any agreements in force between the Contracting Parties.

2. Programmes developed by the Canadian-Soviet working groups on agriculture, agricultural machinery and equipment and the processing industry, and approved by the First Session of the Canada-USSR Mixed Commission on Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Co-operation in October 1976, shall be carried out continuously and shall become the responsibility of the Canada-Soviet Mixed Commission on Co-operation in Agriculture, after it has been officially established.

ARTICLE VIII

1. The present Agreement shall enter force from the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of five years. The Agreement shall be extended automatically for further periods of five years, unless either of the Contracting Parties gives notice to the other of its intention to terminate the present Agreement not less than six months prior to the expiry of the term of the present Agreement.

2. The present Agreement may be altered at any time by mutual agreement of the Contracting Parties.

3. The termination of the present Agreement shall not affect the validity of working arrangements concluded in accordance with the present Agreement between institutions, organizations and firms of both countries.