

ARTICLE III

To assist in carrying out the programme envisaged in Article II of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties agree to establish a permanent Joint Commission, consisting of at least eight members, an equal number of representatives from each of the Contracting Parties, which shall meet once each year alternately in Canada and Belgium, unless otherwise agreed by both parties. In particular, the functions of this Commission shall be as follows:

- a) to review and coordinate progress made under this Agreement with a view to consolidating and enlarging existing cooperation;
- b) to examine and confirm the programmes for the following year;
- c) to examine appropriate procedures in order to ensure progress and the efficient implementation of programmes and projects undertaken pursuant to this Agreement;
- d) to discuss all matters relevant to the application, functioning and interpretation of this Agreement.

Each Contracting Party will establish within its territory appropriate consultation and coordination arrangements between government authorities and agencies, government and private organizations and academic communities involved in carrying out the cooperative activities provided for in this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

The costs (including salaries) of visits and exchanges provided for under this Agreement shall be borne by the sending state unless other arrangements are agreed between the government authorities and agencies, government and private organizations or academic communities concerned. Apart from the foregoing, the responsibility for any expenditures which might become necessary for the realization of any projects or programmes embarked upon under this Agreement, shall be a matter for consultation and agreement between the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE V

Each of the Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with its own laws, facilitate the admission and sojourn (including the issuance of appropriate visas and permits) of nationals of the other state, and of their families, to pursue activities within the framework of this Agreement.

They shall also facilitate, subject to the same conditions, the entry of personal effects of such persons.

ARTICLE VI

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Contracting Parties. Amendments to this Agreement shall be implemented by exchange of diplomatic notes.