

The EC Delegation in Ottawa

The Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities was formally inaugurated in Ottawa on 16 February 1976, shortly before Canada and the European Community signed the Framework Agreement on 6 July that year.

The Delegation, which has been granted diplomatic status by the Canadian Government, has a role similar to that of the Canadian Mission to the EC in Brussels. The Delegation keeps the Commission fully informed of significant political, economic and other developments in Canada. It in turn receives a constant flow of information about the EC from Brussels.

The Delegation takes part in the negotiations and regular consultations between the EC and Canada. These cover:

- bilateral issues, such as agricultural and industrial trade, nuclear energy and fisheries;
- multilateral issues, such as talks on commodity agreements, the GATT negotiations in Geneva, and cooperation with less developed countries.

The Delegation plays an active and creative role in promoting industrial and economic cooperation between Canada and the EC by facilitating contacts between Canadian and European officials and businessmen.

The Delegation's *Press and Information Service* provides the Canadian public with information about the Community's activities.

It publishes a news bulletin, press releases and other material written especially for Canadian audiences, and distributes a variety of free publications about the EC. (Orders for and subscription to official EC publications should, however, be sent to the Office for Official EC Publications, P.O. Box 1003, Luxembourg).

Various films and audio-visual aids, including a mobile exhibition on Canada and the EC are available on loan from the Press and Information Service.

The *Library* carries official EC documents as well as pamphlets, books and periodicals about the EC. It answers mail and telephone enquiries.

The Delegation does not deal with specific trade information issues, which have traditionally been handled by trade commissioners, bilateral chambers of commerce, embassies and consulates, etc., but it can provide information or other contacts that could lead to cooperative ventures between Canada and EC companies.



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English and French are the Delegation's working languages and EC documents are available in both languages.

Delegation officials are available to speak on Community topics and EC-Canada relations.