

the key to a secure and balanced relationship. The discussions on natural gas reviewed prospects for a recovery of the United States market and the plans of both countries for future gas production. Ministers agreed that co-operation in energy trade should be broadened and deepened by exchanges in the fields of oil, coal, as well as information on nuclear technology as economic prospects permit.

Ministers noted the long history of bilateral cooperation and trade between Canada and Mexico in the agrifood sector. With regard to the trade in livestock and livestock products, they agreed that officials from both countries would establish immediate contact to discuss price, quality, quantity and other conditions of purchase of heifers and that this operation would be supported by a program of technical cooperation.

Ministers agreed that trade between Canada and Mexico in agri-food products had not attained the desired levels in recent months due to the difficult international economic conditions. Mexico reiterated its desire to promote increased direct trade of agricultural products between Mexican exporters and Canadian importers.

Ministers agreed that direct trade in fruits and vegetables would be desirable and the Canadian side reaffirmed its offer to train Mexican technicians in relevant inspection techniques.

Ministers renewed the arrangement for the supply and purchase of agriculture commodities.

Ministers discussed the international arrangements governing the tuna fishery. They agreed on the need for bilateral discussions early in 1984 to discuss various fisheries questions, including the conservation and exploitation of tuna and fishing beyond the 200-mile limit above the continental shelf.

Ministers discussed the extradition arrangements between Canada and Mexico. They agreed that existing arrangements are outdated and that procedures leading to a new treaty should be implemented as soon as possible.

Ministers of both sides noted that the Cultural Agreement signed in 1976 remains a satisfactory framework for our cultural relationship and that the next meeting of the Bilateral Consultative Group established by this Agreement is scheduled for March, 1984.

Ministers discussed the current international economic and financial situation, noting that there are early signs of recovery. They agreed it is essential to ensure that the recovery is broadened to provide the full range of markets necessary to enable developing countries to improve their export performance and thus their current accounts position.

Ministers discussed the North/South Dialogue and declared that lack of significant results at UNCTAD VI made it more necessary for both countries to press for progress in the near future. Both countries reaffirmed their