

Working Groups, and recent activity and developments in regard to energy efficiency, medical equipment, transport industries, small business match-making, venture capital, and ocean industries.

Based on the recommendation endorsed by Ministers at their June 1989 meeting, the Sub-Committee also initiated an in-depth discussion on a specific industry sector - environment technology. The exchange of information and views proved very useful as a possible means to identify industrial cooperation opportunities.

The following outlines past and future activities that continue to be directed by the Sub-Committee:

A. Working Group Activities

(i) Metals and Minerals Working Group

The Working Group last met in late October 1989 in Brussels and involved both Commission and Canadian government officials and industry association representatives. The Group's efforts over the next year will focus on four broad areas: health and environmental questions; mining and processing policies, regulations and investments; maintaining a cooperative approach and exchange of information on commodities, such as asbestos and cadmium; and research and development collaboration in mineral processing. One special event planned over the next year is an "International Workshop on Heavy Metals and Human Health", a joint activity sponsored by the Canadian government and the Mining Association of Canada, and the Commission of the European Communities and Eurometaux, and other industry associations. As well, an EC delegation comprised of Commission officials, and EC mining industry association representatives, attended the May 1990 Mineral Outlook Conference in Canada. A separate half-day program was organized for the EC delegation to meet with Canadian government and industry representatives.

(ii) Wood and Paper Products Working Group

This Working Group last met in early October 1989 in Ottawa, and included participants both from the public sector and from industry associations. In the context of industrial