

Inspired by a desire to develop and strengthen relations of friendship, good neighbourliness and mutual confidence between the two countries,

Expressing a desire for co-operation in the interests of maintaining international peace and security in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and

Conscious of the responsibilities of the Soviet Union and Canada as Members of the United Nations to promote the preservation of peace,

Believing that the Soviet Union and Canada can contribute toward the above goals by acting in a spirit of co-operation, mutual respect and reciprocal benefit,

Endeavouring to improve and further develop relations between the two countries by means of high-level contacts, expanding ties and exchanges in the fields of economy, trade, science, technology, culture and northern development,

Noting with satisfaction the conclusion of the Soviet-Canadian agreement on Co-operation in the Industrial Application of Science and Technology, and the development of trade on the basis of the 1956 Trade Agreement,

Conscious of the responsibility of the two sides to preserve and protect the environment of the Arctic and the sub-Arctic areas,

Fully determined to go on developing political and economic co-operation,

The Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers and the Prime Minister of Canada have agreed on the following:

1. The Soviet Union and Canada shall enlarge and deepen consultations on important international problems of mutual interest and on questions of bilateral relations by means of periodic meetings. Such consultations will embrace:

- questions of a political, economic and cultural nature, environmental questions and other subjects concerning relations between the two countries;