

On the Canadian side

Hon. Eugene Whelan  
Minister of Agriculture

Hon. Marc Lalonde  
Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

Hon. Edward Lumley  
Minister of State for Trade

Mr. Claude T. Charland  
Ambassador of Canada in Mexico

A group of senior officials and advisors on both sides also participated.

4. During their stay in Mexico, the Canadian Ministers had an audience with the President of the Republic, Lic. José López Portillo.

5. The Mexican and Canadian Ministers emphasized the importance of the Joint Ministerial Committee for the promotion of more substantial and productive relations between the two countries. In the ten years since the first meeting of the Committee, important advances have been achieved in the execution of programmes of bilateral cooperation in economic and social matters, among which commercial, industrial, energy, tourist and cultural exchanges have been outstanding.

6. The Ministers agreed that the Ministerial Committee continues to be a useful mechanism to evaluate periodically the progress made in developing the relations between the two countries. The two Foreign Ministers noted that, in line with the views expressed by the President and the Prime Minister in May 1980, they had had supplementary meetings and it was agreed that these meetings should continue on a regular basis.