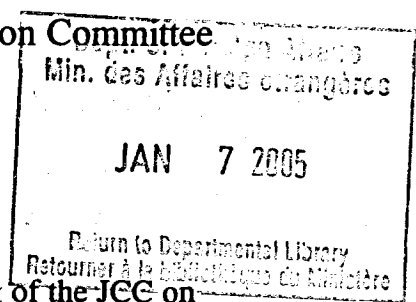


Report of the EU-Canada Joint Cooperation Committee

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Introduction

In this report EU-Canada relations since the last meeting of the JCC on November 10, 1998 are reviewed. The JCC meets annually under the **1976 Framework Agreement for Commercial and Economic Co-operation between the EC and Canada**. Since that time these meetings have ensured that both sides have kept a sustained focus on the relationship and have facilitated its development in many ways.

A number of subcommittees have been constituted to assist the JCC in the performance of its tasks.

Since the last meeting of the JCC the following subcommittee meetings and high level consultations have taken place:

Trade and Investment Subcommittee (TISC) met in Brussels on April 28 and 29, 1999.

High Level Consultations on the Environment occurred in Brussels on March 29, 1999

High Level Consultations on Fisheries were held in Ottawa on June 29, 1999.

Roundtable on Precautionary Approaches to Risk Management held in Ottawa on March 4 and 5, 1999

Canada-EU Working Group on Satellite Navigation which met for the first time in Brussels on September 22, 1999.

The Joint Committee on Higher Education and Vocational Training met for the second time in Ottawa on May 5, 1999.

The reports of committees which met since the last JCC are attached.

General

Ongoing implementation of the Action Plan, signed in 1996, continues to add both depth and breadth to the bilateral relationship. It has led to an increased number of valuable consultations among officials across a broad range of issues

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