

were proposed at the same time: New Materials, Data Processing, Telecommunications, Cold Region Technologies, etc. The 77-odd projects prepared for this Commission and submitted for the evaluation of French and Canadian experts demonstrated the vitality of a constantly expanding system of scientific co-operation. In order for such co-operation to assume its full role in the areas of technological and industrial innovation, both governments have agreed to organize a symposium on this theme which could be held in Lyon before the end of this year. Both of the designated co-ordinators are to determine its specific contents.

The French side insists that scientific co-operation between France and Canada must correspond to the industrial, and indeed commercial, reality that exists in both nations. It is therefore pleased that thought has been given to the means of ensuring that businesses be brought together through jointly discovered innovative processes.

The Canadian Chairman placed our co-operation in the context of Canada's privileged relations with Europe. He noted that an economic action plan was approved by the government in 1986 to develop relations with France, particularly in order to expand scientific and technological relations involving Canada as a whole. The resources employed by the Department of External Affairs for bilateral scientific and technological co-operation fall into this plan.

The Canadian Chairman confirmed his agreement with the principle that co-operative resources be organized around the primary objective of producing joint research or technology development projects with economic or industrial implications, and by bringing businesses together around jointly developed innovative processes.

This objective also serves as a driving force for Canada in its relations with its European partners within EUREKA. The support provided by the French government as part of EUREKA is positive and exemplary. Canada is likewise making efforts to find other connections within programs of the European Community.