

They will support the activities of the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and other multilateral fora, particularly as they bear on the Russian Federation's transition to a market economy.

Article 9

The Parties will enhance cooperation in the Arctic and the North, regarding it as a priority area in Canadian-Russian relations. They will devote particular attention to strengthening economic cooperation, environmental protection and joint scientific research between the Arctic and Northern regions of Canada and the Russian Federation.

They will promote and facilitate direct contacts between local, regional and territorial governments and aboriginal peoples of the northern regions of Canada and the Russian Federation on the basis of their own working agreements.

Article 10

Canada and the Russian Federation recognize the global importance of environmental protection. They will enhance their cooperation in the protection of the environment and preservation at the national and regional level of the world's fragile ecosystems, reflecting the common desire of their peoples.

They will work together in seeking to resolve environmental problems, and in applying the principles of sustainable development to the use of natural resources, inter alia, along the lines specified in the relevant bilateral agreement.

Article 11

The Parties shall give fresh impetus to their cooperation in the areas of space research and nuclear energy on the basis of coordinated programmes. They will also determine new priority areas of research in science and technology.

Article 12

Canada and the Russian Federation will cooperate to prevent organized crime, illegal drug trafficking, terrorism, illegal acts against the security of civil aviation and sea navigation, and smuggling, including the illegal trans-border traffic in valuable cultural artefacts.