

international organizations and, on a bilateral basis, with other countries including France, with a view to keeping Canada in touch with the mainstream of world culture, including, obviously, French culture.

In the course of the past years, we have entered into mutual arrangements in the space field with a number of countries, including France. As far as the French Government is concerned, last year we proposed a programme of cooperation to them designed to expand existing exchange arrangements and, to promote jointly ventures into new areas. Discussions are being pursued. Within the context of these proposals, the Government of Canada intends to expand its consultation and cooperation with interested provinces, notably Quebec. The Canadian Government is convinced that it is in this spirit that effective cooperation can be undertaken, in which it has an essential role to play. It is also the only way which will guarantee, in a field where technology progresses at such a rapid pace, truly efficient utilization of the financial resources of the governments concerned towards their common objectives, without duplication of effort or expenditure.