

FACT SHEET ON THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
AND THE JOINT CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE

I - The Framework Agreement

Full Title: Framework Agreement for Commercial and Economic
Co-operation between Canada and the European
Communities

Date of Signature: July 6, 1976

Signatories: SSEA MacEachen
EC Council President Van der Stoel
EC Commission Vice-President Soames

Place of Signature: Ottawa

Entry into Force: October 1, 1976

Main Provisions: - Reaffirms Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN)
treatment accorded by GATT
- Commits signatories to "promote" commercial
co-operation
- Establishes Joint Co-operation Committee

II - The Joint Co-operation Committee

Objective: To promote and keep under review the various commercial and economic co-operation activities envisaged between Canada and the European Communities.

Structure: Annual meetings of committee proper held alternately in Ottawa and Brussels, to date chaired at ministerial level. Third annual meeting, December 17, 1979, to be co-chaired by SSEA Macdonald and EC Commission Vice-President Jenkins. Semi-annual meetings of Industrial Co-operation, and General and Preparatory Sub-Committees chaired at level of assistant deputy minister. Working groups established to examine questions relating to metals and minerals; forest products; nuclear and uranium; p̄ri-informatique; and aerospace sectors. Working groups chaired by industry sector branch officials of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce with provincial and private sector participation as appropriate. Semi-annual federal-provincial consultations on economic co-operation held in Ottawa to arrive at federal-provincial consensus for sub-committee meetings.