

38. With respect to the crop subsector, a mechanism of cooperation was established through the twinning of experimental stations in both countries, to study the problems of rain-fed agriculture and to undertake work in the fixation of nitrogen. Among other items, it was also agreed to reinforce the interchange of genetic material and of scientists.

39. Both Ministers agreed that they would participate in the near future in an agreement on animal health for the importation and exportation of livestock and livestock products, establish cooperative research projects in animal production and veterinary medicine and also in the technical and scientific interchange in matters relating to bilateral trade.

40. The Mexican side pointed out its interest in reinforcing the activities of cooperation in areas specifically related to forestry. The Canadian Delegation offered to bring this matter to the attention of the appropriate Canadian authorities.

41. In light of the close relationship between agricultural production and the problems of marketing such products, it was agreed to transmit to the working group on trade the appropriate technical recommendations.

42. Finally, both sides decided that the Minutes of the First Meeting of the Canada-Mexico Joint Committee on Agriculture, which includes the totality of agreements reached on this occasion, should be an annex of this joint communiqué. *

Trade Cooperation

43. The Ministers reviewed the trade relations between Mexico and Canada and agreed that, while trade grew substantially during the last year, it still does not correspond to the true potential of their respective markets.

44. Taking this situation into account, the Mexican and Canadian delegations agreed to enhance their joint efforts in order to increase and widen bilateral trade relations in an equitable way.

45. Recognizing that trade in agricultural products is an important component of this exchange, Ministers discussed the conclusion, during the current year, of an agricultural commodities supply agreement, referring principally to powdered and industrialized milk, wheat, black beans, canola and corn for which the two sides specified, in some cases, the quantities Mexico requires and Canada is able to supply, leaving pending certain

*This document is available on request, but exists only in Spanish.