

IV - SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PROJECTS AND RESOURCES

The two sides decided that sectors which met the following criteria would maintain priority status:

- 1 - Mutual interest of both sides,
- 2 - Scientific, technological and economic results expected,
- 3 - Concurrence with the objectives set by each government,
- 4 - High-quality partners assigned to carry out each activity.

Selected projects in the priority sectors will receive the preferential support of both sides in their implementation, until the next session of the Joint Scientific Commission. Other topics, which do not meet all of the above criteria, but in which either side is interested, have been placed in "prospective sectors". Resources may be devoted to developing projects in these sectors. Such projects may subsequently attain priority status, if their development enables them to meet the criteria in question.

Both sides agreed to define sectors as "priority" or "prospective" according to the above standards.

A review of the summary of scientific exchanges which have taken place since the Sixth Session of the CMS showed that the bulk of Franco-Canadian co-operative resources has been assigned to the support of priority and prospective sectors. Both sides were pleased that their major focuses of bilateral co-operation had been consolidated in this manner and agreed to pursue them using the various means at their disposal, such as grants, Mois-Chercheurs, and symposia.

The two sides also reviewed the selection procedures used to identify the co-operative projects proposed for the next two years. The French side stressed its interest in developing a joint selection procedure for the co-operative projects resulting from a mutual call for tenders. The Canadian side took note of this suggestion, which presents certain practical difficulties considering the decentralized nature of the funding sources for these projects. It also indicated that it has already provided guidelines to different Canadian research organizations concerning the areas of co-operation that had been established by the CMS through its Mois-Chercheurs program. Both sides agreed to pursue an in-depth evaluation of their views on this procedure through diplomatic channels.

In addition, they both emphasized the value of industrial ramifications in their co-operation. In order to facilitate this process, they agreed to hold a joint workshop on the development of technology, technological transfers and venture capital. Designated co-ordinators will work out the procedures of such a meeting within the near future.