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CANADA-USSR GENERAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT MIXED COMMISSION -- 1980-81 PROGRAMME

The Department of External Affairs announces that on November 22, 1979 Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed a two-year programme of scientific, academic and cultural exchanges for the period 1980-81 at the conclusion of the Fifth Canada-USSR Mixed Commission Meetings which were held in Moscow from November 19-22, 1979.

J. H. Taylor, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, signed on behalf of Canada. I. N. Zemskov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, signed for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The Mixed Commission was established following the signing of an Exchanges Agreement between Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in Ottawa on October 20, 1971. The Mixed Commission normally meets once every two years, alternately in Canada and the USSR, to review the progress of the existing Programme and to develop a Programme for the next two-year period.

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