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COOPERATION IN SPACE WITH THE USSR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that a delegation of space experts from the National Research Council of Canada will be visiting the Soviet Union October 24-28, 1987, to examine whether bilateral cooperation could be expanded to certain sectors of space sciences. This first exchange of views at the scientific level will serve to permit a better understanding of the research being conducted in the two countries in areas such as microgravity, solar-terrestrial physics, life sciences and astronomy and, perhaps, identify activities that could lend themselves to bilateral cooperation.

Canada and the USSR, together with France and the USA, are already cooperating successfully in the COSPAS/SARSAT satellite-aided search and rescue system.

The delegation will be led by Dr. A.L. VanKoughnett, Director of Space Research Operations, Space Division, at the National Research Council (NRC). In Moscow, the NRC team will meet with scientists of the Institute of Space Research, the Institute of Biomedical Problems and other organizations interested in space sciences.

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