

II EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

12. Banque de Missions

Both parties will make available 120 days to facilitate the exchange of professionals in the fields of culture and the arts and/or scholars for visits of approximately 7 days each. The sending side will pay the costs of international travel, and the receiving side will bear the costs of reasonable accommodation and per diems. Arrangements for such visits will be made through normal diplomatic channels. Both parties noted that this program is underutilised, particularly for cultural exchanges.

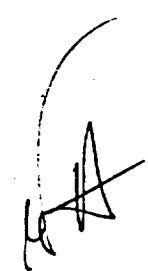
13. Youth Exchanges

The two Parties agreed on the benefits of youth exchanges. The Canadian side, referring to the Working Holiday Program, noted that it has a quota of 120 participants and the Young Workers Program a quota of 100 participants on a reciprocal basis. The Canadian side stated that there is some imbalance in actual participation rates and that if greater reciprocity in actual numbers cannot be achieved, Canadian authorities may have to reduce these quotas in 1995.

III ARTS AND CULTURE

14. The Changing Environment

The two Parties had a useful exchange of views on recent policy developments and government priorities with respect to arts and culture and their projection abroad. The Canadian side outlined the discussions that were underway to bring more coherence to the field of international cultural relations and higher education to increase its impact and effectiveness. These discussions took place against a background of great changes in the domestic and international environment, including the end of a bi-polar world, financial constraints, and the impact of rapidly changing technology. The Netherlands delegation responded by a description of the development of a cultural policy in The Netherlands based on a four-year planning cycle, and tabled a number of policy documents.



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