

Our reasons for seeking to maintain and broaden our dialogue with the Community are clear -- and in our terms imperative. Our objective has been to seek with the Community a long-term agreement which would cover the broad range of Canadian/European Community relations and which would complement existing trade arrangements such as those under the aegis of GATT. Such an agreement, which would provide for regular consultations, might range much more widely to cover fields such as energy, natural resources, investment, industrial co-operation and environment. We realize that the establishment of such a long-term arrangement may not be immediately realizable. Nevertheless, we continue to seek to establish a basis upon which such an arrangement can ultimately be made.