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CANADA-USSR PROTOCOL ON CONSULTATIONS  
SIGNED IN MOSCOW MAY 19, 1971  
BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA,  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU,  
AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,  
MR. A. N. KOSYGIN

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES EXTÉRIEURES

Inspired by a desire to develop and strengthen relations of friendship, good neighbourliness and mutual confidence between the two countries,

Expressing a desire for co-operation in the interests of maintaining international peace and security in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and

Conscious of the responsibilities of the Soviet Union and Canada as Members of the United Nations to promote the preservation of peace,

Believing that the Soviet Union and Canada can contribute toward the above goals by acting in a spirit of co-operation, mutual respect and reciprocal benefit,

Endeavouring to improve and further develop relations between the two countries by means of high-level contacts, expanding ties and exchanges in the fields of economy, trade, science, technology, culture and northern development,

Noting with satisfaction the conclusion of the Soviet-Canadian agreement on Co-operation in the Industrial Application of Science and Technology, and the development of trade on the basis of the 1956 Trade Agreement,

Conscious of the responsibility of the two sides to preserve and protect the environment of the Arctic and the sub-Arctic areas,

Fully determined to go on developing political and economic co-operation,

The Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers and the Prime Minister of Canada have agreed on the following:

1. The Soviet Union and Canada shall enlarge and deepen consultations on important international problems of mutual interest and on questions of bilateral relations by means of periodic meetings. Such consultations will embrace:

- questions of a political, economic and cultural nature, environmental questions and other subjects concerning relations between the two countries;

- international questions, including situations causing tension in various parts of the world, with a view to promoting détente, furthering co-operation and strengthening security;
- problems which are the subjects of multilateral talks, including those considered at the United Nations;
- any other subjects in respect of which the parties may find it useful to have an exchange of views.

2. In the event of a situation arising which, in the opinion of the two Governments, endangers the maintenance of peace or involves a breach of the peace, the two Governments will make contact without delay in order to exchange views on what might be done to improve the situation.

3. The provisions set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 above do not affect obligations previously assumed by the parties in respect of third states and are not directed against any of them.

4. The conduct of such consultations between the Soviet Union and Canada is designed not only to promote the welfare of their peoples and develop relations between them but also to contribute towards better relations among all countries.

5. These consultations, at levels to be determined by mutual agreement, will have a regular character. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs or their representatives will meet whenever the need arises and, in principle, at least once a year. Either party is free to recommend the holding of such consultations, including the time and level at which they should be held.