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The Third Consultative Meeting held under the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on Scientific and Technical Co-operation of April 16, 1971 took place in Ottawa, Canada, from November 26-28, 1975. The purposes of the meeting were to review progress under the Agreement, to consider proposals submitted by each country for future collaboration, to reach agreement on those to be pursued, to establish priorities, and to formulate a schedule of activities for 1975-76.

On the occasion of this meeting Staatssekretar H. H. Haunschild also visited Canada. He held talks in Ottawa with the Honourable C. M. Drury, Minister of State for Science and Technology and the Secretary of that Ministry, Dr. Maurice LeClair, Mr. D'Iberville Fortier, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. C. H. Smith, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Mr. L. F. Drahotsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Mr. W. A. O'Neill, Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard.

Staatssekretar Haunschild accompanied by the German Ambassador to Canada Count Max Von Podewils Durniz and Dr. Maurice LeClair, Secretary to the Ministry of State for Science and Technology opened the consultative meeting.

The Delegation from the Federal Republic of Germany was headed by Mr. Reinhard Loosch, Ministerialdirigent, International Co-operation, Federal Ministry for Research and Technology, Bonn. It also included officials of the Federal Ministry for Research and Technology, the German Embassy and co-ordinators for Canadian-German co-operation in selected fields.

The Canadian Delegation was led by Mr. J. Mullin, General Director, International Division, Ministry of State for Science and Technology. Dr. Sydney Wagner, General Director, Office of Science and Technology, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Mr. N. Haffey, Director, Scientific Relations and Environmental Problems Division, Department of External Affairs, were Vice-Chairmen. Representatives of the federal departments of Environment and Energy, Mines and Resources as well as officials from Alberta, Ontario and Quebec participated.

The delegations reviewed the activities that have developed since the Second Consultative Meeting held in Bonn, May 14-17, 1974. Co-operation in most of the fields examined was found to have developed in a satisfactory manner and to have been profitable to both sides.

The delegations felt, however, that special efforts should be made to profit from the many useful information exchanges that have taken place by focusing more on identifying and carrying out concrete projects.

On this basis, the two delegations reached agreement on activities in such fields as Marine Sciences, Geosciences, Environment, Health Protection, Biomedical Technology, Computer Applications in various areas, Urban Affairs and Transportation Technology.

The significance of scientific and technological co-operation between the two countries is increasing steadily because of the growing necessity for a more rational and economical use of all resources. The constantly growing requirements for human and other resources in the carrying out of scientific research and technological development activities make it essential to continue to identify fields in which the sharing of facilities and equipment can be encouraged. Further steps must be taken to facilitate the comparison of research data from studies carried out in the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada. Each country has much to offer the other and continued efforts toward complementary research and development activities will be of benefit to both sides.

The activities agreed to during this third meeting form only one part of the ongoing co-operation existing in many fields between the two countries, both bilaterally and in concert with other nations. This intensified and expanded co-operation will support their common national and international goals for the advancement of science and the rational utilization of science and technology for the improvement of overall world conditions.

It was agreed that the fourth meeting of the Consultative Committee should take place in the spring of 1977 in the Federal Republic of Germany.