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SECOND MEETING OF THE EC-CANADA JOINT COOPERATION COMMITTEE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, and the President of the Commission of the European Communities, Mr. Roy Jenkins, co-presided today over the second meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee set up in accordance with the Framework Agreement for Commercial and Economic Cooperation between Canada and the European Communities, which entered into force on 1 October 1976.

In their opening statements, the co-chairmen said that the work of the Committee since its first meeting represented a step forward, towards the realization of the objectives of the Framework Agreement.

The Committee reviewed the various economic and commercial cooperation activities carried out since its first meeting. It approved a report on these activities which was made public during the meeting. The sectors covered include forest products (timber-frame construction and pulp and paper), telecommunications (peri-informatics), aerospace, nuclear, coal, iron ore and steel, non-ferrous metals industries and, more generally, the field of minerals and metals. The report also refers to the ongoing study on trade flows between Canada and the Community and reviews the state of cooperation in the fields of environment and science and technology.

The Committee expressed satisfaction at the work accomplished since their first meeting. It confirmed the existing work programme for 1977-78.

The Committee decided that its next meeting will be held in Brussels at a date to be mutually agreed.

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