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## News Release

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EC/CANADA JOINT COOPERATION COMMITTEE

The EC/Canada Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC), established under the Framework Agreement for Economic and Commercial Cooperation signed in 1976, held its third meeting in Brussels on December 17 under the co-chairmanship of Wilhelm Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, and Richard Tait, Head of the Canadian Mission to the EC, for Flora MacDonald, Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada. On that occasion Mr Haferkamp and Mr Tait signed a memorandum of understanding on the energy bus, a system developed in Canada which conducts on-site analyses of energy efficiency in industry.

The JCC approved a report on the activities carried out under the Framework Agreement since its second meeting in Ottawa in March 1978. During this period, the JCC's Sub-Committee for Industrial Cooperation focussed on developing the basis for promoting industrial cooperation between Canadian and European companies in forest products, peri-informatics and telecommunications, aerospace, and nuclear industries. New initiatives were also taken in the metals and minerals sector, on energy conservation and in promoting direct links between small and medium-sized companies in Canada and the Community.

The General and Preparatory Sub-Committee organized a workshop in Canada on the Community's competition policy, agreed that several joint projects in the science, technology and environment fields would be undertaken and prepared a study on the development of trade flows between the two parties which will be published shortly.

The JCC also adopted its programme of work for 1980-81. In addition to building on the achievements and contacts established during its first three years of existence, the committee will concentrate its attention on how Canada and the EC can take full advantage of the results of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations to further the achievement of the objectives of the Framework Agreement. The JCC will also seek to enhance cooperation in energy development and conservation issues to contribute to the efforts of both parties to meet the energy challenge of the 1980's.

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