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A delegation of environment experts from the Commission of the European Community, led by Mr. Michel Carpentier, Director-General and Head of the EC Commission's Environment and Consumer Protection Service, will hold discussions with Canadian federal and provincial counterparts in Ottawa, Québec City and Toronto, 7-11 July 1980.

The talks will be held within the context of the EC/Canada Exchange of Letters on Environmental Cooperation of November 1975 and the EC/Canada Framework Agreement for Commercial and Economic Cooperation of July 1976.

Since then the European Community and Canada have cooperated in exchanges of information on policies and programmes concerning the environment in such diverse areas as sewage treatment, noise pollution and environmental impact assessment.

Topics on the agenda for the present meetings include: acid rain, the socio-economic impact of environmental legislation, water quality, pesticides, environmental aspects of forest management and scientific environmental data collection techniques. The two sides will also examine their cooperation in the field of environmental protection in the international fora concerned with these questions (e.g., United Nations Environment Programme, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, etc.).

Further expansion of cooperation between European Community and Canadian environmental authorities is expected to result from these discussions.

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