

THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS

THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

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AND

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- . BEING AWARE of the increasing importance of the contribution made by international cooperation to the development of their two Communities,
- . WISHING to consolidate existing relations and to achieve a close, mutual exchange of experience and information,
- . WISHING to develop their scientific and technological cooperation,

have reached an understanding as follows:

ARTICLE 1.

The Parties to the arrangement *resolve* to promote cooperation in science and technology, and to encourage reciprocal exchanges in these sectors between public and private bodies and other private bodies.

ARTICLE 2.

Both Parties intend to promote and encourage cooperation in scientific and technological research as well as to employ the following means, amongst others, for this purpose:

- a) the bilateral exchange of information and documentation, including information on supranational initiatives in which both Parties can participate jointly;
- b) the joint organisation of conferences and symposia;
- c) the sending of experts to participate in training sessions and to attend courses, seminars and conferences;
- d) joint consultation and initiatives in the field of scientific and technological research on subjects of common interest.

ARTICLE 3.

The Parties would like joint research projects to be drawn up which could lead to technological joint ventures. They will also promote the transfer of technology and to this end will support individual projects and initiatives between appropriate bodies and specific institutions and companies as far as possible.

ARTICLE 4.

Both Parties will appoint the Administration which will ensure the monitoring and coordination of all the projects organised within the framework of this arrangement.

ARTICLE 5.

Problems relating to the confidential nature of certain information will be examined during the biennial meetings referred to in Article 6.

ARTICLE 6.

Both Parties will meet every two years, alternately in Alberta and in Brussels, in order to:

- a) examine any questions relating to the implementation of the present arrangement;
- b) determine the strategy to be followed;
- c) determine the means necessary to ensure the efficient development of the programmes and projects undertaken within the framework of the present arrangement;
- d) examine and approve the programmes and projects planned for the following two years;
- e) examine the situation and the results of the action taken as part of the structured cooperation.

ARTICLE 7.

The present arrangement is concluded for a period of six years. It will be tacitly renewed for a further two years unless terminated by one of the parties six months prior to the end of this period.

In the event that notice of termination is given, the parties to the arrangement will plan the measures necessary to ensure the completion of each project jointly undertaken in the course of the application of the present arrangement.

ARTICLE 8 .

This arrangement enters into force on November 1, 1990.

Signed in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, on November 1, 1990.

In four original copies, two in Dutch and two in English,
the four texts being legally valid.

For the
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For the
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