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EC-CANADA ENERGY CONSERVATION EXPERTS MEET IN OTTAWA

Representatives of the Commission of the European Community, accompanied by technical experts from EC member states, attended a seminar in Ottawa on 4-8 June 1979, given by the Conservation and Renewable Energy Branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources on the Canadian energy bus programme. The energy bus is a joint federal-provincial programme intended to assist companies and institutions throughout Canada to reduce their energy costs and to improve their energy-use efficiency.

The energy bus, equipped with two mini-computers, energy-measuring instruments, demonstration equipment and video units, and staffed by a team of engineers and technicians, performs on-site computerized energy audits often resulting in substantial energy savings for the participants. Under a cost-sharing arrangement, energy buses are owned by the federal government and operated by the provincial governments.

The week-long seminar, to introduce this energy conservation programme to the EC, took place as a result of initiatives taken by the Commission of the European Community and the Canadian government under the EC-Canada Framework Agreement for Economic and Commercial Cooperation. Included in the seminar were visits by the EC team to four of the provinces currently operating buses (Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia) to observe actual energy audits.

Experts from the EC Commission's Joint Research Centre will follow-up this mission with a proposal concerning the organizational and technical aspects of a Community energy bus programme.

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