

- ways and means for reducing the growth of consumption of imported oil through the development of alternative sources of energy;
 - concrete projects, including jointly financed projects;
 - criteria, quality objectives and standards for environmental protection.
- (c) Energy research and development, including as a matter of priority cooperative programs on
- coal technology;
 - solar energy;
 - radioactive waste management;
 - controlled thermonuclear fusion;
 - production of hydrogen from water;
 - nuclear safety;
 - waste heat utilization;
 - conservation of energy;
 - municipal and industrial waste utilization for energy conservation;
 - overall energy system analysis and general studies.
- (d) Uranium enrichment, including cooperative programs
- to monitor developments in natural and enriched uranium supply;
 - to facilitate development of natural uranium resources and enrichment services;
 - to encourage such consultations as may be required to deal with international issues that may arise in relation to the expansion of enriched uranium supply;
 - to arrange for the requisite collection, analysis and dissemination of data related to the planning of enrichment services.
2. In examining the areas of cooperative action, the Standing Group shall take due account of ongoing activities elsewhere.

3. Programs developed under paragraph 1 may be jointly financed. Such joint financing may take place in accordance with Article 64, paragraph 2.

Article 43

1. The Management Committee shall review the reports of the Standing Group and make appropriate proposals to the Governing Board, which shall decide on these proposals not later than 1st, July 1975.

2. The Governing Board shall take into account possibilities for cooperation within a broader framework.

CHAPTER VIII

Relations with producer countries and with other consumer countries

Article 44

The Participating Countries will endeavour to promote cooperative relations with oil producing countries and with other oil consuming countries, including developing countries. They will keep under review developments in the energy field with a view to identifying opportunities for, and promoting a purposeful dialogue, as well as other forms of cooperation, with producer countries and with other consumer countries.

Article 45

To achieve the objectives set out in Article 44, the Participating Countries will give full consideration to the needs and interests of other oil consuming countries, particularly those of the developing countries.

Article 46

The Participating Countries will, in the context of the Program, exchange views on their relations with oil producing countries. To this end, the Participating Countries should inform each other of cooperative action on their part with producer countries which is relevant to the objectives of the Program.

Article 47

The Participating Countries will, in the context of the Program

- seek, in the light of their continuous review of developments in the international energy situation and its effect on the world economy, opportunities and means of encouraging stable international trade in oil and of promoting secure oil supplies on reasonable and equitable terms for each Participating Country;
- consider, in the light of work going on in other international organisations, other possible fields of cooperation including the prospects for cooperation in ac-