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CANADA AND ITALY AGREE TO EXPAND
ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION

Canada's Ambassador to Italy, Claude T. Charland, on behalf of International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie, signed August 1st in Rome, an agreement on economic and industrial cooperation with Italy. The accord was signed on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Italy by Ambassador Renato Ruggiero, Italian Minister of Foreign Trade. This agreement is expected to facilitate, strengthen and diversify trade and industrial cooperation between Canada and Italy and to encourage contacts between enterprises and organizations of the two countries. The accord will enable Canadian firms to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the European market integration of 1992.

The agreement provides, among various features, for the establishment of a joint working group composed of representatives of the public and private sectors of the two countries. The first meeting of the group will be held in the fall.

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