

In Bonn, Minister Crosbie will be accompanied by four prominent Canadian chief executive officers (CEOs) and several Canadian parliamentarians.

"It is vital that the private sector be a part of this consultation process," Mr. Crosbie said. "They are the ones who will, to a large extent, bring about the jobs and economic growth that people want. With government programs to support and complement their efforts, we will secure the increased economic, commercial and industrial cooperation necessary for the economic transformation of Europe."

In Bonn, Mr. Crosbie will also meet with his German counterpart and host of the CSCE meeting, Helmut Haussman, Minister of Economics.

Following his attendance at the Bonn Conference, Mr. Crosbie will visit Geneva, April 11-12. His visit will coincide with the senior officials meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee (TNC), part of the MTN process of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

"As it follows closely my visit to the CSCE, my time in Geneva will give me the opportunity to discuss issues arising from the integration of all of the economies of Europe into the international trading system," Mr. Crosbie said. "Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and Romania are already members of the GATT, and Canada supports the application of the USSR to be an observer. I look forward to the day when all the countries of Europe will be full members of the GATT."

In Geneva, Mr. Crosbie will meet with the Director General of the GATT, Arthur Dunkel, and several Ambassadors to the GATT, including a group representing Latin American countries. He will also meet with Ambassadors representing participating countries of the newly-founded Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) group. Mr. Crosbie will discuss with them the APEC trade and economic ministers meeting he will host in Vancouver in September, 1990.

Meetings in Geneva will also prepare the Minister for the Informal Trade Ministers Meeting in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, April 19-20, attended by trade and economic ministers from 28 other countries. This will be the first of a series of multilateral ministerial meetings that will focus on the management of the Uruguay Round of the MTN leading to the concluding conference in December.