

The two governments have agreed that, high-level sessions of this type will take place annually involving leading representatives of business and industry in both countries. Mr. Crosbie will be accompanied by Presidents of 12 Canadian corporations. The Italian agreement follows the pattern of similar consultative agreements with the EC and France.

Mr. Crosbie will also address industrial associations in Rome and Milan.

During his stay in Britain February 1 to February 3, he will meet the British Secretary of State for Industry and Trade, Lord Young and the Right Honourable Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy. Mr. Crosbie will hold discussions on the Canadian investment climate and on energy with businessmen and government representatives. He will also lend his support to Canadian trade development efforts during visits to the International Food and Drink Exhibition and a special event promoting Canadian fashions.

The Minister noted that Europe will increasingly be a focus of Canadian business interest as the EC proceeds towards its goal of eliminating all barriers to trade by 1992. Canadian businesses will have a chance to learn more at a series of seminars and symposia across Canada in February and March. These will be sponsored jointly by the Department of External Affairs and the Canadian Exporters Association, and will involve senior Canadian Government representatives based in Europe.

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