

"Foreign investment is critical to Canada's economic future," Mr. Crosbie said. "In the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and in the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Canada has demonstrated that we welcome investment, under clear and specific rules. This commitment has been underlined by our expanded commitment to the OECD code."

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