

TOURISM

The Tourism Working Group had its second meeting on October 1. Both countries agreed to consult on matters of mutual interest under consideration by international organizations such as the World Tourism Organization and the OECD Tourism Committee. Based on the success of the past cost-shared \$3.0 million research program, Canada and the U.S. agreed to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding next year.

WORKING GROUP ACCELERATION TARIFF ELIMINATION

In light of the success last year of the Tariff Acceleration exercise and continued interest expressed by businesses in both countries, a second round of the accelerated tariff elimination process has been initiated. The two governments have received in combination over 500 applications for tariff elimination. Officials have reviewed the submissions and held initial bilateral consultations. The consolidated list of proposals was published in the Canada Gazette on October 6, 1990 and in the Federal Register on October 5. Implementation of changes to the respective tariff schedules is planned for July 1, 1991.