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APPOINTMENTS TO CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie today announced the appointment of Frank Petrie of Cornerbrook, Newfoundland and the re-appointment of Sonja Bata to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Commercial Corporation.

Mr. Petrie held a number of trade related positions with the government of Canada from 1954 to 1984. He served with the GATT Secretariat in Geneva, and chaired a number of GATT Committees, including the GATT Balance of Payments Committee. Mr. Petrie was Director General of the Pacific, Asia and Africa Bureau in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce between 1970 and 1974. He was appointed Director General of the International Financing Branch of ITC in 1975, and assumed the duties of Director General, Office of Overseas Projects in 1977.

In 1981 he was appointed Director General of the Bureau of Pacific, Asian, African and Middle Eastern Affairs, and in 1982 was appointed Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs for the Bureau of Pacific, Asian, African and Middle Eastern Affairs.

Since 1984 Mr. Petrie has been President of the Canadian Exporters' Association. Active in a number of professional and trade-related associations, Mr. Petrie has served on bilateral and multilateral trade councils, government task forces and committees and other bodies dealing with international trade.

Sonja Bata has been a Member of the Board of directors of the Canadian Commercial Corporation since 1977. Educated in Switzerland, she holds an honorary Doctorate of Law from Wilson College in Pennsylvania. She is a Director of Bata Limited of Don Mills, Ontario. She holds directorships in Alcan Aluminum Limited, Canada Trust, and the Canadian Council for Business and the Arts. Active in a number of community and business organizations, she is a member of the Board of Governors of the North York General Hospital, and has served on the national board of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and its Executive Council.

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