

framework. That is why Minister Foxley and I yesterday discussed the possibility of negotiating double taxation and foreign investment protection agreements, which will add to the predictability and stability of the Canada-Chile relationship.

That relationship is excellent. Canada's interest in Chile has never been stronger, as the size of the Canadian business delegation accompanying me clearly demonstrates. I am joined here today by representatives from no fewer than 50 of Canada's top firms. They are eager to do business with you.

Canadian companies have also been participating in Chilean trade fairs in record numbers.

- During this visit, I will also be speaking at the second Space Conference of the Americas here in Santiago. The Canada booth at the trade exhibit section will feature product literature from over 25 of Canada's leading aerospace and high-tech companies. Representatives from Canada's space agency will also be there.
- Last week, 35 Canadian mining and services suppliers toured Chilean mine sites.
- Canada mounted its first-ever national pavilion at the avionics trade show FIDAE in March of 1992.
- Over 100 Canadian companies were at the Expomin mining trade show in Santiago last May.
- The Canadian Manufacturers Association -- Canada's largest business association -- staged an extensive commercial mission to Chile in September last year.
- Last year, for the ninth consecutive year, 19 Canadian companies attended FISA here in Chile -- the largest trade show in Latin America for consumer products, capital goods and industrial machinery.
- Expocorma at Concepcion in 1991 drew the largest delegation of Canadian forestry firms ever to participate in a trade show outside Canada, and we are expecting over 35 to participate this year.

This traffic is not all one-way by any means. We are proud to display our technology in operation in Canada. We have recently sponsored delegations of Chilean business people to Canada in fields as diverse as forestry, the environment, telecommunications and mining.

Companies in Canada and Chile are now involved in more than