

Introduction

- January 27-31 Monterrey, Mexico — "Canada Expo '92" trade fair, the largest Canadian trade promotion event ever organized in Latin America. Expo '92 was designed to expand Canadian sales and investment opportunities in Mexico; 200 Canadian companies participated.
- February 11 Canadian Senate Foreign Affairs Committee begins hearings.
- March 18 Canada gives Mexico \$1 million in environmental assistance.
- April 4 Mexico City, Mexico — Canada and Mexico sign Memorandum of Understanding on Co-operation in Telecommunications.
- May 4 Mexico City, Mexico — Canada and Mexico sign Memorandum of Understanding on Co-operative Labour Activities.
- July 29-August 1 Washington, D.C. — Sixteenth meeting of chief negotiators.
- August 2-12 Washington, D.C. — Seventh trilateral Ministerial Meeting.
- August 12 An agreement in principle is reached on the NAFTA.
- September 8 Canada, the United States and Mexico release a provisional legal text of the NAFTA.
- September 17 Washington, D.C. — Environment Ministers agree to establish a Trilateral Environmental Commission to improve co-operation on environmental issues.
- October 7 San Antonio, Texas — Prime Minister Mulroney, President Bush and President Salinas witness initialling of the NAFTA by Minister Wilson, Ambassador Hills and Secretary Serra.
- November 3 The *Canadian Environmental Review* of the NAFTA is released.
- November 13 The Department of Finance releases the report, "The NAFTA, An Economic Assessment from a Canadian Perspective."
- November 17 A subcommittee of the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade begins public hearings into the NAFTA, in Ottawa and nine other Canadian cities.
- December 17 The heads of the three governments sign the Agreement.
- 1993**
- February 25 Bill C-115, an act to implement the NAFTA, is introduced in Parliament.
- March 17-18 Negotiations on additional accords on the environment and labour begin in Washington.
- 1994**
- January 1 The NAFTA is scheduled to enter into force.