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## JAPANESE AUTOMOTIVE IMPORTS

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade and the Honourable Michel Côté, Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion announced today that Canada and Japan had reached an understanding on Japanese automobile imports for the current fiscal year.

Senior federal and Japanese officials reached this understanding at the conclusion of discussions held in Victoria on August 4 and 5. These discussions were preceded by meetings in Tokyo in March and June.

Ms. Carney said both governments undertook to monitor trade and sales activities closely. Japanese authorities gave an understanding there would be no disruption of the Canadian market caused by Japanese imports.

The arrangement was similar to one reached last year between the two countries, she said.

"This understanding with Japan signals again the strong and continuing commitment of this government to the health and development of the Canadian automotive industry", Ms. Carney said.

Mr. Côté said the need for predictability and stability in the Canadian marketplace had been met and provided for in the latest arrangement.

During the 1986/87 year, imports of Japanese automobiles are expected to be about 21% of the Canadian market, about the same level of penetration as in the United States.

In the last decade, trade between Canada and Japan has quadrupled. In 1985, Canadian exports totalled \$5.7 billion; two-way trade reached \$11.8 billion. Japan is now Canada's largest single overseas market.