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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S COMMISSIONER FOR
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The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable John C. Crosbie, announced today that he will be meeting the European Community's (EC) Commissioner for External Relations and Trade Policy, Mr. Willy De Clercq on Tuesday, April 19, in Ottawa. Their talks will focus on a range of bilateral and multilateral issues including the state of the Canada/EC trade relationship, international agricultural trade developments and their implications for both the bilateral relationship and the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, and the Canada/U.S. Free Trade Agreement. The status of several Canada/EC disputes will also be reviewed.

This meeting follows the Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting in April Point, British Columbia which focussed on progress in the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. The success of the MTN and of the Mid-Term Review Conference, to be held in Montreal this December, will be an important topic of discussion between Mr. Crosbie and Mr. De Clercq. While in Ottawa, Mr. De Clercq will also meet with Ministers Wilson, Oberle and Mayer.

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