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## HOCKIN REAFFIRMS CANADIAN POSITION IN URUGUAY ROUND

Prior to his meeting with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) on Tuesday, September 28, the Honourable Tom Hockin today reaffirmed Canada's balanced position on agriculture in the Uruguay Round of the multilateral trade negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). "That position includes a strengthened and clarified Article XI and substantial reductions in trade-distorting subsidies," said Mr. Hockin.

"Our objectives remain unchanged," said the Minister, "that is, to improve market-access opportunities for our export-oriented sector, while allowing us to continue operating our supply-managed system within a stable and predictable environment."

Mr. Hockin recalled the meeting held last week between the CFA and the Honourable Charles Mayer, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, who commented after that meeting that "Canada's position on Article XI is the result of extensive, ongoing consultations with industry. Canada will continue to present a united national approach in pressing the case for improved GATT rules."

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