

will meet in the meantime to pursue the issues we discussed at Canberra.

In the meeting, we agreed on the need for a successful completion of the Uruguay Round by its scheduled deadline of December 1990. This will not be easy. It will take strong political will, and the Canberra meeting demonstrated that will.

From Canada's point of view, it was also important that management of marine resources in the Pacific was recognized as an important area which could benefit from the co-operation of the countries represented there.

Following the Canberra meeting, I went to Japan, first to meet with the Trade Ministers from Japan, the U.S. and the European Community, then back to Tokyo for a meeting with representatives from 20 GATT contracting parties. At both meetings, we agreed on the need for a successful Uruguay Round, and we made progress towards that end. We have agreed on the need for countries to submit their detailed negotiating proposals by the end of this year, so that the nuts-and-bolts bargaining can begin in earnest in the new year. We have also agreed to move forward on the crucial issues involving market access.

In Chiang Mai, starting tomorrow, the Cairns Group Ministers will meet under the chairmanship of Commerce Minister Subin. By Thursday, we aim to settle on a Cairns Group proposal for agricultural trade reform. And, hopefully, it will help to advance this extremely difficult, and critical, area of the negotiations.

Like Thailand, Canada needs an open and fair trading environment for agricultural products, as well as for other goods, services, investments, and technology. We have to use this Round to defeat the forces of protectionism, unilateralism and managed trade, which threaten the free flow of commerce.

If the Round succeeds, we will have the freest international flow of goods and services and capital in this century, perhaps in the history of mankind.

In such an environment, we will have to develop a fine balance between competition and co-operation; between national self-interest and international harmony.