Washington, D.C. -- Sixteenth meeting of Chief July 29-August 1 Negotiators. Washington, D.C. -- Seventh trilateral Ministerial August 2 meetina. An agreement in principle is reached on the North August 12 American Free Trade Agreement. Canada, the United States and Mexico release a September 8 draft legal text of the NAFTA. Washington, D.C. -- Environment ministers of the September 17 NAFTA countries agree to establish a Trilateral Environmental Commission to explore 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 Puche. The Canadian Environmental Review of the NAFTA is November 3 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 five other Canadian cities. December 17 The heads of the three governments sign the Agreement, signifying their intention to seek domestic approval.

Parliament.

Legislation to implement the NAFTA is presented to

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