

Minister Crosbie underlined that the Quad Ministers registered substantive progress on many trade issues which are central to a productive outcome at the Montreal Conference. Such issues include proposals for ensuring the more effective functioning of the GATT system as well as the speedier, more effective and equitable resolution of trade disputes. The Trade Ministers also developed common views on many aspects of market access issues, trade in services, trade-related intellectual property and investment.

The Minister noted his satisfaction with the consensus reached between Canada and her three largest trading partners on facilitating the negotiating process in the lead up to the December Montreal Conference. One step involves holding a meeting of Trade Ministers from developing and developed countries in Pakistan next October. While in Minnesota Minister Crosbie also proposed another Quad meeting in mid-November in order to consolidate preparations to ensure the continuity of commitment to a successful Montreal Conference.

With these same objectives in mind, Canada's Trade Minister also plans to visit Geneva in late July to hold discussions with officials of the GATT, representatives of foreign delegations and the Canadian Mission to the GATT.

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