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TRADE MINISTER DELIVERS FREE TRADE MESSAGE  
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The Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement will create thousands of new jobs, will increase the real income of Canadians, will stimulate investment and lead to lower consumer prices, said International Trade Minister, John C. Crosbie, in a speech at "Ethno-Press '88", a national briefing for ethnic media hosted by the Canadian Multilingual Press Federation.

Mr. Crosbie reminded the audience that the Economic Summit countries unanimously endorsed the Free Trade Agreement in Toronto, that virtually every industry and trade association in the country supports the deal, and that every independent research organization has concluded that Canada stands to gain great benefits from the Agreement.

Mr. Crosbie said that multiculturalism will continue to be an asset for Canada under Free Trade: "Members of our various cultural communities, with their special knowledge and understanding of other nations and with their entrepreneurial spirit, have already contributed significantly to Canadian export success." He added that "...we will need to develop trading links with other nations, to develop a clearer understanding of their markets and of the opportunities for healthy two-way trade between other nations and Canada."

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