Mr. Andriessen's visit is one in a series of Canada-EC ministerial meetings since the signature of the 1976 Framework Agreement on Economic Co-operation between Canada and the EC, and one of three this month by the leaders of EC and its member countries other European leaders. The visit also follows Mr. Clark's consultations earlier this month in Dublin with the Irish foreign minister in his capacity as Chairman of the EC Foreign Ministers' Council.

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