

International Trade Commerce extérieur

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## VISIT TO BRUSSELS BY THE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, met with Willy De Clercq, the European Community's Commissioner for External Relations in Brussels on May 11, 1987, prior to her departure for Paris to attend the OECD ministerial meetings.

While Miss Carney and Mr. De Clercq had met previously at various international ministerial meetings, most recently the Kashikojima Quadrilateral Trade Ministers meeting in Japan on April 24-26, this was their first opportunity to meet bilaterally, for the exclusive purpose of discussing the wide range of Canada/EC trade relations and irritants.

Minister Carney and Commissioner De Clercq agreed that their meeting was an expression of the importance they both attach to the bilateral relationship. Reference was made to the privileged partnership between the two parties - Canada is the only industrialized country to have a formal agreement governing its relations with the Community.

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