

Depletion of Northwest Atlantic fish stocks will be at the heart of the discussions with the European Community. According to the Minister for International Trade, "We will seek to persuade the Europeans of the need for effective conservation of cod and other groundfish species. Canada, the European Community and other nations fishing in the Northwest Atlantic will all benefit by adhering to fisheries management decisions taken by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization. This is an issue of the utmost importance to Canada."

The serious situation facing the Northwest Atlantic fish stocks will be discussed by Mr. Clark and Mr. Crosbie during meetings with European commissioners and with ministers of EC member states on various occasions during the visit, including Spain.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Crosbie will also hold talks with Jacques Delors, President of the EC Commission. They will discuss the implications of European market integration in 1992 for trade and investment relations between the EC and Canada.

Mr. Crosbie will then go to The Hague where he will meet his counterparts from the U.S., the EC and Japan. The Quadrilateral Trade Ministers meeting, the first since the Montreal Ministerial Meeting last December, will focus on the multilateral trade negotiations under the GATT.

From June 4 to 10, Mr. Crosbie will lead a business mission to Spain, which will include the presidents and chief executive officers of 10 Canadian corporations. The mission will promote Canadian exports and expansion of trade and investment links between our two countries, including the establishment of joint ventures.

Mr. Crosbie said, "Spain is one of the European Community's most dynamic economies and Canadian firms are anxious to explore trade and investment opportunities there, especially in light of European integration in 1992. In fact, 1992 will be historic for Spain as it hosts both the Summer Olympics in Barcelona and Expo 1992 in Seville."

Invited to Spain by Apolonio Ruiz Ligeró, the Secretary of State for Trade, Mr. Crosbie will meet the King of Spain, the Prime Minister and several other ministers. He will also meet the mayor of Seville and tour the site of Expo 1992.