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NEW MTN UNDERWAY

"International preparations for a new round of multilateral trade negotiations are now officially underway" said the Minister of International Trade, James Kelleher.

In releasing the text of the important decision taken at the Special Session of the GATT held in Geneva from September 30 to October 2 at the request of the United States, Minister Kelleher welcomed progress towards an early new MTN. "This is a timely development in our efforts to fight back protectionist pressures threatening Canadian exports in our major markets," he said.

The Minister also released the text of the Canadian statement to the GATT meeting. (attached)

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