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THE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE APPOINTS NEW CHAIRMAN

OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

International Trade Minister, the Honourable John C. Crosbie, announced today the appointment of Trevor Eyton, President and Chief Executive Officer of Brascan Limited, as the new Chairman of the private sector International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC).

He succeeds Mr. Walter Light, former Chairman of the Executive Committee of Northern Telecom Ltd., whose two year term ended recently.

The purpose of the International Trade Advisory Committee is to provide an on-going, two-way flow of information and advice between the Government and the private sector on international trade matters.

In announcing Mr. Eyton's appointment, the Minister stated: "This permanent Trade Advisory Committee ensures that the Government has the benefit of private sector views in its deliberations on international trade matters, including issues relating to trade policy, market access and trade development. The establishment of this consultative process has proved to be valuable throughout the negotiations on the Free Trade Agreement and will be advantageous during the present multilateral trade negotiations initiated through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)."

The International Trade Advisory Committee consists of approximately 40 people, experienced and knowledgeable in trade matters. Minister Crosbie said that he was pleased that "we have again an individual of high calibre and standing in the business community as Chairman of the International Trade Advisory Committee. I look forward to receiving his Committee's advice." A newly constituted committee membership will be announced shortly.

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