

NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (NAFTA)

-- CHRONOLOGY --

1990

January 22-23

Ottawa -- Seventh meeting of Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee.

March 16-19

During an official visit to Mexico by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, 10 joint co-operation agreements with Mexico are signed:

- Memorandum of Understanding regarding the framework for trade and investment consultations;
- Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation in combating narcotics trafficking and drug dependency;
- Treaty on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters;
- Treaty on extradition;
- Agreement regarding mutual assistance and co-operation between customs administrations;
- Memorandum of Understanding on forestry co-operation;
- Agreement on tourism;
- Agreement on environmental co-operation;
- Arrangement on agricultural and livestock co-operation; and
- Convention for the exchange of information/taxes.

Summer

Canadian government conducts preliminary studies and consultations with the provinces and representatives of business and labour groups.

House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade conducts public hearings on the proposed NAFTA.

September 24

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney formally advises President Carlos Salinas de Gortari and President George Bush of Canada's interest in participating in negotiations with Mexico and the United States on NAFTA.