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### NEW MEMBER ON FTA AUTO PANEL

The Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Michael H. Wilson, has announced the appointment of Mr. Takao Kawamura, President and CEO of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Cambridge, Ontario, to the binational Automotive Select Panel established under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

The appointment of Mr. Kawamura will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Koji Kadowaki, President of Honda Canada, who is returning to Japan to take up new duties there.

The Automotive Select Panel, made up of 15 members from each country, was established by Canada and the U.S. to assess the state of the North American automotive industry and to propose public policy measures and private initiatives to improve its competitiveness in domestic and foreign markets. The Panel is expected to complete its major study on competitiveness by the end of 1991.

Mr. Wilson said that, given Mr. Kawamura's knowledge and experience, he was pleased that Mr. Kawamura had agreed to serve on the Panel. He noted that his participation will continue to ensure that the broad spectrum of Canadian interests is well represented on the binational Panel.

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