

Such mutual association will enable our companies to take greater advantage of the FTA, Europe 1992 and other market developments. I believe that the relative size of our respective corporations makes them eminently suitable for cooperation with each other and encourage them to explore such possibilities to the fullest.

In that regard, I would certainly welcome a visit to Canada by Minister Salolainen and an accompanying Finnish Trade Delegation as follow-up to this mission.

We are also looking forward to the visit to Canada of President Koivisto later this year. This will add additional momentum to our overall bilateral relationship and ensure Canada and Finland continue to cooperate closely on a range of issues.

In closing, I wish to say how much I have enjoyed my visit to Finland and the warmth with which I have been received. My wife and I will take many fond memories away with us and will look forward to returning one day to see more of your beautiful country.

Thank you.