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21 NEW LABOUR MEMBERS NAMED TO SECTORAL ADVISORY GROUPS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie announced today the appointment of 21 new labour members to the 13 private sector based Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade (SAGITs).

"The new labour members on each SAGIT will make an important contribution to the work of their respective groups in providing information and advice to the Government on trade-related matters," Mr. Crosbie said.

Mr. Crosbie noted that this announcement follows the appointment of five labour members to the International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) on June 21, 1989.

The SAGITs and the ITAC are part of a trade advisory system reporting to the Minister for International Trade. The SAGITs and the ITAC were created in response to the wishes of the private sector to have a broadly based formal structure to provide confidential two-way flow of information and advice between the Government and the private sector on international trade matters. The chairpersons of each SAGIT are also members of the ITAC.

The 13 SAGITs provide the government with in-depth sectoral expertise and advice on a wide range of international trade issues. They cover the full spectrum of Canadian economic activities and have as members some 300 prominent individuals from the business, labour, consumer, academic, research and cultural communities. Membership of each SAGIT is broadly representative of the specific sector.

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