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MAJORITY OF CANADIANS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Public opinion research conducted for the Department of External Affairs during May, 1988 shows a majority of Canadians continue to support the pact.

On behalf of the Department of External Affairs, Decima Research Limited of Toronto conducted a national poll between May 9, 1988 and May 15, 1988. They determined that there had been no significant shift from the level of support found in the survey of December 8 - 16, 1987.

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May 9 - May 15, 1988	51	43	6
Dec. 8 - Dec. 16, 1987	51	42	8

The reported aggregate results are for a weighted sample of 857 Canadians which is proportionate to the national population. Results for a sample of this size are accurate to plus or minus 3.4%, 95 times out of 100.

Attached is a summary by Decima Research of public opinion trends, along with poll questions and results.

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