

The federal Government's emphasis on the Asia-Pacific region was reflected in the \$94-million Going Global program announced by the Prime Minister October 15 in Singapore. Going Global is a trade strategy that will give the government and the private sector the means to increase trade with the world's three largest markets -- Asia-Pacific, North America, and Europe.

"The Uruguay Round will help build bridges between these three mega-markets, by establishing fair trade rules. The Round will also advance the progress made on trade liberalization in the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement," Mr. Crosbie said.

At the Canberra meeting, hosted by Australian Prime Minister Robert Hawke, Canada will push for the development of an ongoing consultative framework for economic and trade co-operation; promotion of a fair and open trading environment in the region and globally, and collaboration in specific sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, resource products and the environment.

From Nov. 12-14, Mr. Crosbie will participate in the seventeenth Quadrilateral Trade Ministers' Meeting, involving Canada, the United States, Japan and the European Community. At their meeting near Tokyo, the Ministers will review progress to date in the Uruguay Round and to set out what in their view are the steps necessary to ensure a successful outcome of the largest-ever international trade talks by the agreed deadline of December 1990. "The future of the multilateral trading system depends on a successful outcome of the Round," Mr. Crosbie said.

Immediately following the "Quad", from Nov. 15-17, representatives from 27 contracting parties in the Uruguay Round will gather in Tokyo for an informal Trade Ministers' meeting. The Ministers represent a broad spectrum of developed and developing countries. Mr. Crosbie will press the Canadian case that all countries must show the political will to negotiate and make concessions if the Uruguay Round is to result in a balanced and large package of results.

From Nov. 21-23, in Chiangmai, Thailand, Mr. Crosbie will participate in a meeting of the 13-member Cairns Group of agricultural exporting countries. The group was established in 1986 to develop a common approach to agricultural trade reform, one of the most difficult and critical areas in the Uruguay Round.

In addition to these four major meetings, Mr. Crosbie will hold a series of bilateral meetings with Ministers and with business people in each country. In Tokyo he will address the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Japan and in Bangkok, the Canada-Thailand Business Club.

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