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CANADA-U.S. TRADE COMMISSION MEETS IN ST. JOHN'S

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie and U.S. Trade Representative Carla A. Hills, who together constitute the Canada-U.S. Trade Commission, met today in St. John's, Newfoundland, to review the progress made to date on implementation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

The Commission oversees the implementation of the FTA and ensures the Agreement represents the best interests of Canada and the United States.

"The FTA has proven its value in strengthening the world's largest trading relationship," said Mr. Crosbie. "Trade between Canada and the United States reached \$197 billion in 1989, up four per cent from 1988, and 12.2 per cent from 1987."

"The Canada-U.S. FTA has come into its own as the pivot of a solid trading relationship between the two countries," said Ambassador Hills. "The Agreement meets the tests of fairness and mutual advantage."

Mr. Crosbie and Ambassador Hills cited progress made in a number of areas since their last Commission meeting in May 1990:

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