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INTERNATIONAL TRADE MINISTER  
TO ACCEPT AWARD FROM U.S. CONSUMER ORGANIZATION  
FOR FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The International Trade Minister, John C. Crosbie, will accept the Consumers for World Trade award on behalf of the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, at a formal dinner to be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C. this evening. The award, which the Prime Minister is sharing with President Ronald Reagan, is presented annually for distinguished service in the cause of open and competitive world trade. The Prime Minister is the first foreign recipient of the award which is being presented to honour the signing of the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement.

Consumers for World Trade is a national, non-profit organization, established in 1978, which concerns itself with the consumer interest in international trade policy through educational programs and lobbying against protectionism and in support of freer trade policies. The organization has several thousand members and its Board of Directors includes many distinguished representatives from American corporate and academic life.

United States Trade Representative, Ambassador Clayton Yeutter, will accept the award on behalf of President Reagan. United States Congressman Bill Frenzel (R-Minnesota), who won the award in 1983, will make the presentation to Ambassador Yeutter and Minister Crosbie.

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