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FURTHER APPOINTMENTS OF CANADIANS FOR CANADA/U.S.

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PANELS ANNOUNCED

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie today announced further appointments of Canadians to serve as panelists for the binational dispute settlement mechanisms established under Chapter 18 of the Free Trade Agreement.

These appointments bring the roster under Chapter 18 to twenty-five. Fifteen members were appointed January 25, 1989.

Chapter 18 panels can be established where the Canada-U.S. Trade Commission has been unable through consultations to satisfactorily resolve a particular question. The five-member panels are authorized to decide on any issue under the Free Trade Agreement except for disputes relating to anti-dumping and countervailing duty actions or to financial services which are subject to separate mechanisms. The decisions of such panels are non-binding, however they may be binding if the Commission agrees to arbitration. In the case of a dispute arising from a safeguard action under chapter Eleven, the panel decision is binding.

These appointments are in addition to the rosters announced by Minister Crosbie on December 30, 1988, to deal exclusively with dispute settlement in anti-dumping and countervail duty cases under Chapter 19 of the Free Trade Agreement.

The complete roster of Chapter 18 panelists is attached.

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