

As far as bilateral trade issues are concerned, several items were discussed such as market access, including the question of the Canadian countervailing duty on Community manufacturing beef exports, as well as outstanding negotiations related to previous EC enlargements. The Canadian side also raised the issue of the status of its co-production Treaties with several Member States, in light of the Community proposal for "television without frontiers".

The two sides had positive discussions on trade in furs, and Canada welcomed the Commission's intention to participate actively in efforts to develop international standards in humane trapping.

Ministers Clark and Crosbie and EC Vice-Presidents Andriessen and Marin had a thorough discussion about the serious differences, both bilateral and multilateral, between EC and Canadian positions on fisheries issues. They have agreed that, in the interest of EC/Canada relations, these differences should be examined seriously to determine how they might be resolved.

Ministers and Commissioners have instructed officials of both sides to meet in order to clarify the various aspects of these differences and to examine how they might be resolved. In conducting their work, officials will be guided by the commitment of both sides to the principles of conservation and rational management.

The officials will report to their respective authorities by 15 July. The Minister for International Trade and Commissioners will meet as soon as possible thereafter.

Discussions covered a number of other subjects, in particular the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States, Europe 1992, developments in the Asia/Pacific region, and the Community's relations with its European Free Trade Agreement partners and its Central and Eastern European neighbours.

Existing cooperation in the fields of science and technology, industrial cooperation, environment and development assistance was noted and both sides agreed to expand such cooperation. At the request of Canada, Mr. Andriessen agreed to pursue with his colleague, Vice-President Maria Filippo Pandolfi, EC Commissioner responsible for Science and Technology, the possibility of negotiating a specific framework agreement on science and technology with Canada.

Both parties noted the strong growth in the Canada-EC commercial and economic relationship over recent years. Trade between the two partners has increased to reach a level of two-way trade equal to more than \$27 billion in 1988 which reflects an increase of more than 30% over 1986.