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MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE ANNOUNCES CAIRNS GROUP TO MEET IN CANADA

The Honourable Pat Carney concluded her two-day visit to Canberra with a speech to the National Press Club and an announcement that the third Ministerial meeting of the Cairns Group of Fair Traders in Agriculture would be conducted in Canada in May between the OECD Ministerial meeting in Paris and the Venice Summit in June.

In an address to the National Press Club in Canberra, Miss Carney pointed out that "Prime Minister Mulroney put agriculture on the agenda for the first time in the history of the economic summit meetings at last year's Tokyo Summit. By developing a common approach on agriculture, we can keep up the pressure for early progress" said Miss Carney.

In a private meeting with Prime Minister Hawke, Miss Carney took the opportunity to personally de-brief the Prime Minister on developments of the Lake Taupo Meeting of Trade Ministers held earlier this week. Miss Carney outlined Canada's proposals on agricultural reform which have been put forward to the OECD, were discussed at the Lake Taupo meeting and will be discussed at the

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