

Hockin Announces Beer Agreement with the United States

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The Honourable Tom Hockin, Minister for International Trade, announced that Canada and the United States have come to a final negotiated agreement in the long-standing dispute over provincial beer marketing practices. The agreement takes effect immediately. "I am very pleased that we have finally come to a satisfactory resolution of this issue," Mr. Hockin said. "This agreement averts a beer war with the United States, it protects Canadian jobs, it provides new opportunities for Canadian beer companies, and will give wider choice to Canadian consumers. We have also effectively resolved the issues arising from a finding by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in 1991 that certain provincial practices relating to the pricing and distribution of beer were inconsistent with Canada's GATT obligations. However, just as we are opening our border to U.S. beer, we expect the United States to fulfil its obligations under the GATT and remove federal and state measures that discriminate against Canadian beer exports."

Canada's Model Forests Go International

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External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty and Natural Resources Minister-designate Barbara Sparrow announced an agreement with the Government of Mexico to establish two model forests. The Mexican sites will be located in a temperate forest region in the state of Chihuahua, and in a tropical forest region in the state of Campeche. This joint Canada-Mexico initiative represents the first phase of the \$10-million International Model Forest Program announced at the June 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. "Canada is delighted to have Mexico as its first international partner in the model forest program," said Mr. Beatty. "This announcement demonstrates that our Earth Summit commitments to promote international co-operation on this critical sustainable development issue are very much alive."

Beatty Announces Canadian Candidate for International Tribunal for War Crimes Committed in the Former Yugoslavia

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External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty announced the Canadian nomination of Jules Deschênes as judge on the International Tribunal for war crimes committed in the former Yugoslavia. "With his extensive experience, including his time as chairman of Canada's own commission of inquiry into war criminals, Judge Deschênes is a highly qualified candidate for this position," said Mr. Beatty. "I believe he will make an important contribution to the tribunal, and its work in bringing war criminals to justice."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 5-13, 1993: United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo)**
- September 23-24, 1993: Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Senior Official Meeting (Honolulu)**
- September 28-30, 1993: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development Annual Meeting (Tokyo)**
- October 16-18, 1993: La Francophonie Summit (Mauritius)**
- October 21-25, 1993: Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (Cyprus)**
- November 17-19, 1993: 5th Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Ministerial Meeting (Seattle)**
- November 26-28, 1993: Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe Council of Ministers Meeting (Rome)**
- December 2-3, 1993: NATO North Atlantic Council and North Atlantic Co-operation Council Meetings (Brussels)**

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