

Ministers had a particularly fruitful discussion about the Uruguay Round. There was a strong commitment from all participants to press forward vigorously with the current negotiations which all agreed must end on schedule by the end of 1990. Ministers reviewed the range of issues under negotiation and confirmed their intention to put forward specific negotiating proposals in all areas in the next few months. In this general review Mr. Crosbie stressed Canadian interests in Agriculture, Subsidies and Countervail and Market Access negotiations, which will now be moving into their substantive phase.

The Quadrilateral Ministers had a detailed discussion of Investment, Intellectual Property and Services. In introducing the Services issue Minister Crosbie stated: "This is a critical issue for the Round. Services constitute an extremely important sector in our economies and a growing element in international trade. I think it's essential that we establish good clear rules which will allow Canada to build on our experience in liberalization of trade in Services as developed in the Free Trade Agreement".