

Mr. Kelleher met separately with his USA counterpart, Mr. Clayton Yeutter to impress upon him the damage done to the Canadian shakes and shingles industry caused by the recent USA decision which was contrary to the Quebec commitments and was a step backwards in our bilateral trade relations. Mr. Kelleher also stressed the negative implications of any decision to accept a countervailing duty petition. Since no changes in policy had been made since 1983, the acceptance of a new petition serves only to harass a competitive Canadian industry.

The Minister also held bilateral meetings with Mr. De Clercq of the European Community and Mr. Hernandez of Mexico. Both meetings served to review current bilateral issues and opportunities to increase Canadian exports to these markets. Mr. Kelleher said "these meetings are useful because they allow us to resolve problems and to seek new ways to expand our bilateral trade".

In particular, Mr. Kelleher conveyed to Mr. De Clercq our serious concerns over lack of sensitivity by the Europeans to conservation of fish stocks in the Atlantic.