

Members of the committee also benefitted from the input of the provinces, environmental organizations and individual Canadians. The participation of environmental representatives in the International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) and the Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade (SAGITS) was particularly helpful in assisting the government to formulate its negotiating positions.

Mr. Charest noted that he will be meeting his counterparts, United States Environmental Protection Agency Administrator William Reilly and Mexican Secretary of Social Development Luis Donaldo Colosio Murrieta in Washington on September 17, to develop a strategy on continental environmental issues.

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