
CHRONOLOGY

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March 16-19

During an official visit to Mexico, Prime Minister Mulroney signs 10 joint co-operation agreements with Mexico:

- ◆ Memorandum of Understanding regarding the framework for trade and investment consultation
- ◆ Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation in combating narcotics trafficking and drug dependency
- ◆ Treaty on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters
- ◆ Treaty on extradition
- ◆ Agreement regarding mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations
- ◆ Memorandum of Understanding on forestry cooperation
- ◆ Agreement tourism
- ◆ Agreement on environmental co-operation
- ◆ Arrangement on agricultural and livestock co-operation
- ◆ Convention for the exchange of information/taxes

Summer

Canadian government conducts preliminary studies and consultations with the provinces and representatives of business and labour groups.

House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade conducts public hearings on the proposed NAFTA.

September 24

Prime Minister Mulroney formally advises President Carlos Salinas de Gortari and President George Bush of Canada's interest in participating in negotiations with Mexico and the United States on NAFTA.

September to January, 1991

During the consultative period prior to the start of negotiations, nine working groups are established to deal with the following topics: