

Miss Carney noted that four SAGIT groups were announced last spring by the Honourable James Kelleher, former Minister for International Trade. They were the advisory groups on Arts and Cultural Industries, Financial Services, Automotive and Aerospace, and Apparel and Fur.

The other component, the International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC), chaired by Walter Light, deals with broad national issues relating to international trade access and marketing matters. ITAC has held three meetings. Ten of the 15 SAGIT have already met; the remainder are scheduled to meet shortly.

Both the ITAC and SAGIT report to the Minister for International Trade.

With respect to the Canada/United States trade talks and the Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN), the ITAC and SAGIT will work closely with the Trade Negotiations Office.

A Secretariat within the Department of External Affairs has been established to assist the advisory groups in their work.

As previously announced, the chairpersons of the 15 SAGIT are as follows:

Agriculture, Food and Beverage - Dr. Benoit Lavigne,  
Agriculture Consultant

Fish and Fish Products - Victor Young, Fishery Products  
International Ltd.

Minerals and Metals - William James, Falconbridge Ltd.

Energy Products and Services - Robert Pierce, NOVA,  
An Alberta Corporation

Chemicals and Petrochemicals - Firman Bentley,  
Polysar Ltd.

Forest Products - Raymond Smith, MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.

Industrial Marine and Rail Equipment - Guy Champagne,  
Exeltor Inc.

Automotive and Aerospace - Jack Ripley  
Allied-Signal Canada Inc.

Textiles, Footwear and Leather - Sandy Archibald,  
Britex Ltd.