

The Honourable Barbara McDougall announced that a grant of \$40,000 has been made to Cape Breton Symphony Fiddlers to assist in the group's tour of the United Kingdom from August 23 to September 13, 1992. The grant was made under the International Cultural Relations Program, which is part of External Affairs and International Trade Canada. This program supports activities in the arts and education, and exchanges of cultural personalities. Tours such as those of the Cape Breton Symphony Fiddlers help demonstrate excellence in Canadian cultural creativity, both nationally and internationally.

Statements

"Let me re-emphasize the link between trade agreements, such as the NAFTA, and Canada's future prosperity. Put simply, one in four Canadian jobs depends on trade. We are the world's eighth largest economy, with only the thirty-first largest population. We need to export. And, to export successfully, we not only need competitive goods and services, but we need access to other countries and fair rules of the road. For those important reasons, Canada has been one of the strongest supporters of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which provides the ground rules for world trade. That is why we pushed for the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement -- to cement our relationship with our biggest trading partner. And that is why we are now building on the FTA -- to establish a North American free trade area. I am confident that most of you will judge it to be a good deal for Canada -- good for our prosperity and therefore good in helping to secure the type of society that Canadians value. I am equally confident of our ability to compete successfully in this or any other trade arrangement. All we want is the right to enter markets and compete under fair and clear rules."

Notes for an Address by the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, at the conclusion of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on August 12, 1992, No. 92/35.

Upcoming Events

September 11-12, 1992

Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation Ministerial Meeting
(Bangkok, Thailand)

September 15, 1992

United Nations General Assembly (New York)

December 14-15, 1992

CSCE Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting (Stockholm)

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