

SEVENTH CANADA-MEXICO JOINT MINISTERIAL
COMMITTEE MEETING

The Seventh Meeting of the Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee was held in Ottawa January 22 and 23. The meetings were co-chaired by the Mexican Secretary for External Relations, Mr. Fernando Solana, and the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The Mexican delegation also included Mr. Pedro Aspe, Secretary of the Treasury and Public Credit; Mr. Jaime Serra, Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Development; Mr. Carlos Hank Gonzalez, Secretary of Agriculture and Water Resources; Mr. Patricio Chirinos, Secretary of Urban Development and Ecology; Mr. Pedro Joaquin Coldwell, Secretary of Tourism; and Mr. Enrique Alvarez del Castillo, Attorney General. The Canadian delegation, in addition to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, included The Honourable John Crosbie, Minister for International Trade; The Honourable Don Mazankowski, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture; The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance; The Honourable Frank Oberle, Minister of State (Forestry); The Honourable Tom Hockin, Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism); The Honourable Doug Lewis, Minister of Justice and Attorney General; The Honourable Pierre Blais, Solicitor General and Minister of State (Agriculture); The Honourable Lucien Bouchard, Minister of the Environment and The Honourable John McDermid, Minister of State (Privatization and Regulatory Affairs). The Mexican Ambassador to Canada, Mr. Alfredo Phillips, and the Canadian Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. David Winfield, also participated.

The meetings are intended to serve as an important preparatory step for the March 15-18 visit to Mexico by the Prime Minister, The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, at the invitation of Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, which underscores the common priority both Governments are according to expansion of their bilateral relationship.

At the conclusion of their meetings, the Ministerial delegations from both Canada and Mexico briefed the Prime Minister on their discussions, which provide excellent prospects for his forthcoming visit.