

STATEMENTS:

Canada is a trading nation. Our goal as a government has been to protect today's markets and to open the markets of tomorrow. It is with this aim that we are pushing forward for an ambitious result in the Uruguay Round negotiations of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). We achieved this through the negotiation of a Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement. And we consolidated and improved upon this achievement by negotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement. This Agreement:

- improves our access to the U.S. market;
- gives us preferential access to a growing and dynamic Mexican market; and
- ensures that Canada remains a preferred location for both foreign and domestic investors.

Canada's wealth and growth prospects depend on our access to world markets. We are a small nation in terms of population; access to outside markets underpins our economy and standard of living. That is why we negotiated the FTA, and that is why we negotiated the NAFTA.

From an Address by the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, Third Reading Debate on Bill C-115 (The NAFTA Implementation Act (Ottawa, Ontario, May 27, 1993, No. 93/40)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| June 2-3, 1993: | Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development Ministerial Meeting (Paris) |
| June 6-12, 1993: | General Assembly of the Organization of American States (Managua) |
| June 10-11, 1993: | NATO North Atlantic Council and North Atlantic Co-operation Council meetings (Athens) |
| June 14-25, 1993: | World Conference on Human Rights (Vienna) |
| June 28-July 2: | Asia-Pacific Economic Co-Operation Senior Official's Meeting (Seattle) |
| July 7-9, 1993: | G-7 Summit (Tokyo) |
| July 12-30, 1993: | International Conference on High Seas Fishing (New York) |
| July 26-28, 1993: | 1993 Association of Southeast Asian Nations Post Ministerial Conference (Singapore) |
| September 23-24: | Asia-Pacific Economic Co-Operation Senior Officials Meeting (Honolulu) |
| September 28-30: | International Bank for Reconstruction and Development Annual Meeting (Tokyo) |
| October 5-7, 1993: | La Francophonie Summit (Mauritius) |
| October 21-25, 1993: | Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (Cyprus) |
| November 17-19, 1993: | 5th Asia-Pacific Economic Co-Operation Ministerial Meeting (Seattle) |
| November 26-28, 1993: | Conference on Security and Co-Operation in Europe Council of Ministers Meeting (Rome) |