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MINISTER CARNEY MEETS WITH MINISTERS FROM JAPAN,
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Minister for International Trade, The Honourable Pat Carney, today met with Japanese Minister for International Trade and Industry, Mr. Hajime Tamura, to discuss the importance of the Uruguay round to halt protectionism and to promote liberalized trade, as well as a range of bilateral Canada-Japan trade issues. During the meeting, Minister Tamura welcomed the Free Trade Agreement concluded between Canada and the U.S.A.

Both Ministers are in Indonesia attending the fourth Asian-Pacific Trade Conference in Indonesia.

Miss Carney said she welcomed the outcome of the meeting. "I am pleased by Mr. Tamura's positive views on the Free Trade Agreement and his pledge to convey this to Japanese Prime Minister Takeshita, prior to the Prime Minister's visit to Toronto." Mr. Takeshita will be meeting with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in Toronto on January 15, 1988.

Minister Carney took this opportunity to reiterate the importance of the Japanese market to Canadian exporters and raised bilateral trade concerns, particularly Japan's tariff on spruce-pine-fir dimension lumber. She said she received

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