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APPOINTMENT OF ELLEN BEALL TO HEAD CANADA SECTION OF
BINATIONAL TRADE DISPUTE SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCED

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie today announced the appointment of Ellen Beall as Secretary of the Canadian section of the Binational Secretariat established under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

The Binational Secretariat, with offices in Ottawa and in Washington, D.C., is a permanent institution established under the Free Trade Agreement. The offices are managed by the Canadian Secretary and the American Secretary to provide administrative support to dispute settlement panels established under the Free Trade Agreement.

The Secretariat will serve as the registry office for panel review procedures. All requests for review and other consultations under chapters 18 and 19 of the Agreement will be filed with the Secretariat.

Chapter 18 provides for the establishment of binational panels to settle disputes which occur over the interpretation or application of the FTA. Chapter 19 provides for binding binational panel dispute settlement in anti-dumping and countervail duty cases.

Ellen Beall was previously employed by the Department of Justice as Acting Senior Counsel to the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

The International Trade Minister is responsible for the Canadian section of the Secretariat.

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