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**The Daily: Platforms, Positions and Statements
of the Major Federal Parties on Subjects of Interest to EAITC**

**Le Quotidien : Plates-formes, positions et déclarations des partis
fédéraux principaux sur les sujets d'intérêt à l'AECEC**

External Affairs/Affaires extérieures

*no significant items/
aucun élément d'importance*

International Trade/Commerce extérieur

FTA-NAFTA/ALE-ALENA

Audrey McLaughlin a déclaré que l'accord de libre-échange pourrait bien forcer le Canada à détourner une partie de son eau potable vers les États-Unis et le Mexique. Selon M^{me} McLaughlin, le Canada a abandonné tout contrôle sur ses ressources d'eau potable en vertu de l'ALE et ce problème demeure aussi critique avec l'ALENA. En réponse à cette affirmation, M. Gordon Ritchie a dit que l'exportation d'eau est spécifiquement exclue de ces accords.

The Council of Canadians, following the lead of the Action Canada Network, is urging people not to support the National Party but to vote strategically for those against the NAFTA and FTA to ensure a minority Liberal government with the NDP holding the balance of power.

Other issues/Autres questions :

Globe and Mail

Thursday's editorial in the Globe and Mail says that the Reform party has put forward the best plan for eliminating the deficit, and has set the standard for which other parties must be judged.

Health Care – Social Policy Reform/Santé – Réforme de la politique sociale

Preston Manning says in Calgary that provinces should be free to charge health care user fees. A CP report juxtaposes Manning's proposition with the Clinton health insurance proposals.

Citing unnamed sources, the Globe and Mail reported that federal bureaucrats are putting the final touches on a confidential plan that would cut billions of dollars from UI and welfare programs. The Globe linked the plan to the Conservatives' pledge to eliminate the deficit in five years.

