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## CANADIAN POSITION FOR MARCH 22

## GATT COUNCIL MEETING ANNOUNCED

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, today announced the position which the Government intends to take on three trade disputes involving Canada that will be considered when the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) Council meets in Geneva on March 22, 1988.

One case involves a dispute with the U.S. concerning Canadian export restrictions on salmon and herring. While Canadian processors buy up substantial quantities of Alaskan salmon and herring, the Canadian regulations prohibit U.S. processors from having any access to unprocessed salmon and herring from British Columbia.

Miss Carney told the House of Commons in her statement that it is the Government's intention to allow adoption of a GATT Panel Report that found the Canadian export restrictions to be inconsistent with international trade rules. The Government will move to bring Canada's practices into conformity with the GATT by January 1, 1989.

"In eliminating our GATT-illegal measures, we intend to enact new regulations which will incorporate a landing requirement for salmon and herring caught off the Pacific Coast" Miss Carney explained.

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