

Trade and Investment

- External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC) hosted a series of joint venture and investment seminars on Poland in Montréal, Toronto and Calgary in January 1990. EAITC has also produced a booklet entitled *Guide to Business Opportunities in Poland*.
 - To pursue joint venture and other co-operative opportunities, Canadian business leaders accompanied the Prime Minister on his visit to the U.S.S.R. in November 1989, the Deputy Prime Minister on his visit to Poland in April 1990, and they attended the Bonn CSCE conference in March-April 1990.
 - Canada has signed or is negotiating double taxation and foreign investment protection agreements with countries in the area to encourage further Canadian investment.
- General Preferential Tariff status has been extended to Poland, Hungary and Romania to facilitate their access to the Canadian market.
 - Canada was among the first countries to support observer status for the U.S.S.R. in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). (Observer status was granted May 16, 1990.)
 - An Export Development Corporation (EDC) line of credit of \$500 million was recently renewed with the U.S.S.R.
- Canada will continue to seek ways, in concert with other Western countries or on the basis of bilateral ties, to make its assistance more effective.