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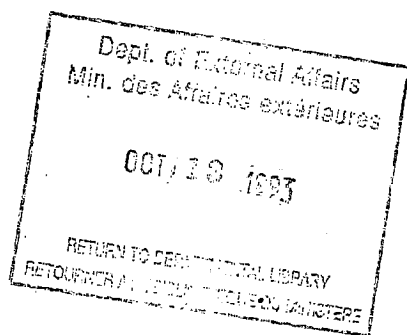
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**The Daily: Platforms, Positions and Statements
of the Major Federal Parties on Subjects of Interest to EA/ITC**

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

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**no significant items/
aucun élément d'importance**



International Trade/Commerce extérieur

NAFTA/ALENA

Editorials over the weekend in the Toronto Star and Financial Post commented on the Liberal position on NAFTA. The Star says that Mr. Chrétien has made "some strides in clarifying his position on Canada-U.S. free trade deal," but "must tell us whether he intends to proceed with NAFTA on Jan. 1." According to the Post, Liberal policy would "turn back the trade clock and create new uncertainties for our exporters."

Other issues/Autres questions

Deficit/Déficit

In a Toronto Sun editorial board interview, PM Campbell said that she would "look at" a referendum process where the government could seek approval of a certain deficit figure as a way of giving "citizens the last word when it came to incurring a certain level of indebtedness."