In making the announcement, Minister Clark declared "Canada looks forward to participating at EXPO 92 as this event will bring together more than eighty nations of the world in a spirit of peace and co-operation".

Minister Crosbie added "EXPO 92 will be an excellent forum for raising Canada's profile in Europe in the year of the European Single Market". The European Community is Canada's second largest trading partner.

The theme of the Seville exposition "The Age of Discovery", will highlight human discoveries in every field of endeavour, past, present and future. Particular emphasis will be placed on innovation and technology thereby allowing Canada to showcase its expertise in fields ranging from biotechnology to cold water research.

The Department of External Affairs is responsible for Canada's participation at EXPO 92. A number of other federal government departments and agencies will also take part in the development of themes and exhibits for the Canadian Pavilion. Participation of interested provincial governments and the private sector will be major elements of the Canadian presentation.

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