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TWO NEW MEMBERS ON FTA AUTO PANEL

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie has announced two new appointments to the 30 member binational Automotive Select Panel established under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

The new Canadian members of the private sector Panel are Mr. Harry Bowler, President of Budd Canada and Chairman of the Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association of Canada, and Mr. Koji Kadowaki, President of Honda Canada.

The two appointments fill vacancies created by the recent resignations of Mr. Peter Dawes and Mr. Susumu Yanagisawa.

The Automotive Select Panel, made up of 15 members from each country, was established by Canada and the United States to assess the state of the North American automotive industry and to propose public policy measures and private initiatives to improve its competitiveness in domestic and foreign markets. The Panel has been asked to complete its work and submit its final report by June 30, 1991.

Minister Crosbie said that given their knowledge and experience, he was pleased Messrs. Bowler and Kadowaki had accepted to serve on the Panel. He added that their participation will continue to ensure that the broad spectrum of Canadian interests are well represented on the binational Panel.

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