

***Multilateral Trade
Negotiations Milestones
— 1986-1990***

September 15-20, 1986

Official launch of Uruguay Round with Punta del Este Ministerial Declaration (eighth round since formation of GATT in 1947).

May 1987

Cairns Group of Agricultural Exporting countries met in Ottawa, Canada.

February 1988

Cairns Group ministers' meeting in Bariloche, Argentina.

March 1988

Informal meeting of trade ministers from developed and developing countries in Lake Constance, Federal Republic of Germany.

April 5-7, 1988

Meeting of quadrilateral trade ministers (U.S., Japan, EC, Canada) in April Point, British Columbia, to address major issues such as agricultural trade.

June 15-17, 1988

Economic Summit leaders stated support for FTA as building block for global trade liberalization and for agricultural trade reform.

June 22-24, 1988

Meeting of quadrilateral trade ministers in Gull Lake, Minnesota, U.S.A., to prepare for Montreal mid-term review.

July 13, 1988

Cairns Group of food-exporting countries proposed four-part plan to phase out all agricultural subsidies.

October 1988

Informal meeting of trade ministers from developed and developing countries in Islamabad, Pakistan.

November 1988

Cairns Group trade ministers met in Budapest, Hungary, to review agricultural proposal.

December 5-9, 1988

Mid-term ministerial review of Uruguay Round progress in Montreal.

March 1989

Cairns Group trade ministers meeting in Waitangi, New Zealand.

April 7, 1989

Trade Negotiations Committee agreed on negotiating frameworks for all 15 negotiating groups.

June 3-4, 1989

Meeting of quadrilateral trade ministers in The Hague, Netherlands, to provide impetus to negotiations following successful completion of Montreal mid-term review.

June 29, 1989

Tabling of comprehensive Canadian negotiating proposal on subsidies and countervail.

July 14-16, 1989

Economic Summit leaders renewed commitment to successful conclusion of MTN negotiations.