

"In Geneva and Mexico, I intend to emphasize that the Uruguay Round is at a critical stage with only eight months left for the negotiations. The meetings in Mexico will allow ministers to review in detail the progress and prospects for the Round and I will take the opportunity to reiterate Canada's commitment to a successful conclusion," Mr. Crosbie said. "Particularly in light of the changes in Europe, I regard it as a priority that these negotiations lead to a strengthened institutional framework for the multilateral trading system," Mr. Crosbie added.

Mr. Crosbie will also lead a trade and investment mission of senior representatives of Canada's business community to Mexico.

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