

During 1987, Canada participated in a number of high-level international meetings, which reinforced political commitment to the new round of negotiations. These included a meeting of Trade Ministers in New Zealand in March; the meeting of Quadrilateral Trade Ministers (Canada, USA, Japan and the EEC) in Japan in April; the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Ministerial Meeting in Paris in May; and the Venice Economic Summit in June, 1987. More recently, Canada has hosted the Cairns Group meeting of Agricultural Traders in May, the Francophone Summit in September and the Commonwealth Summit in October, at which time the countries involved adopted the Vancouver Declaration on Trade sponsored by Canada. In June 1988, Canada will host the Economic Summit in Toronto, at which the MTN in general and agricultural trade in particular will be high on the agenda.

Miss Carney will be accompanied by Sylvia Ostry, Ambassador for Multilateral Trade Negotiations and the Prime Minister's Personal Representative for the Economic Summit and her Senior Policy Advisor, Effie Triantafilopoulos.