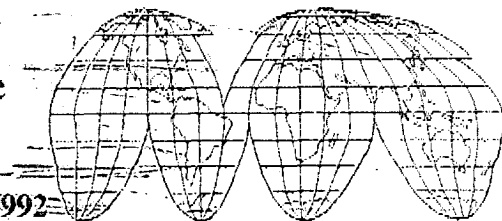


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Wilson to Host Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting in Cambridge

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The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, announced that he will host a meeting of trade ministers from the United States, the European Community and Japan -- the so-called Quadrilateral Trade Ministers -- in Cambridge, Ontario. "The purpose of the Quadrilateral meetings is to provide an opportunity for informal discussions on international trade and related economic developments," said Mr. Wilson.

Statements:

"... It is up to individual businesses to take the initiative to export and to enter into strategic alliances that result in innovative trade development. Yet, of the 40,000 Canadian firms involved in manufacturing, only one third export -- even after the FTA has secured the biggest two-way trading relationship in world history. And the top 100 companies account for fully 50 per cent of all exports. Clearly, more companies need to get involved ... We [Canadians] are playing with fire if we allow the [constitutional] uncertainty we have lived with for the last two years to get worse -- as it will with a 'no' vote -- and expect that there will not be any damage to our economy. So I believe that this referendum is about three things: the economy, the economy and the economy. And I think it is very important for us to address our concern about the economy by voting 'yes' on October 26."

An Address by the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association "Canadian Manufacturing Week Opening Ceremony" (Toronto, Ontario, October 20, 1992, No. 92/52, As Delivered)

"... No individual, no community and no country can expect to "go it alone" in the world of the 1990s. We are more than ever an integral part of the global community. This is as true for our universities as it is for our industries. In fact, no matter what the issue is -- environment, trade, security, culture or education -- what happens abroad has a direct and far-reaching impact on our lives here at home -- as, I may say, our actions have on others' ... It would be fatal to an export-dependent economy like ours if we were, instead [of actively competing in the global market], to bury our heads in the sand. I am preaching to the converted when I underline that to maintain our ability to compete, to generate exports and high-skill jobs, we must develop our technology and knowledge base more rapidly. We can do that, first by fostering more productive and focused relationships among governments, industries and universities, and second by strengthening networks between our institutions of higher education and those of key partners such as Europe, the United States and Japan. There can be no such thing as splendid isolation for our universities, any more than there can be splendid isolation for any region or any country."

An Address by the Honourable Barbara McDougall, Secretary of State for External Affairs, to the Canadian Bureau for International Education (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, October 15, 1992, No. 92/51, As Delivered)

"... For Quebec in particular, the [North American Free Trade] Agreement immediately does away with Mexican customs duty on the province's main exports, such as certain types of newsprint, coated and uncoated paper, chemically treated wood pulp, construction lumber, aircraft, commuter train rolling stock, medical products and various types of industrial equipment. The large Quebec auto industry will also benefit from clearer, more precise rules of origin, in particular in calculating North American content in cars and car parts ... Turning the page on the constitutional debate will enable the country to tackle its economic and social priorities. On the other hand, a 'no' means wasted energy. A 'no' means a difficult future. A 'no' is no solution to our bread and butter economic issues."

An Address by the Honourable Michael Wilson, at ExportVision'92 Conference (Montreal, Quebec, October 14, 1992, No. 92/50, Check Against Delivery)

Upcoming Events

October 1992:	ExportVision '92
October 1992:	Canadian International Trade Month
December 14-15, 1992:	CSCE Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting (Stockholm)

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