

Miss Carney said that the Uruguay round is the most complex round of trade talks in history, involving 15 negotiating committees.

"This makes it difficult for many of the developing countries to fully participate", she said. Miss Carney announced that the Canadian government will be developing further proposals to increase coordination and cooperation of bilateral and multilateral resources devoted to assisting developing countries such as by sponsoring seminars, providing expertise and statistical information.

Miss Carney's comments build upon her reaffirmation of Canada's commitment to the multilateral trading system and to its further liberalization and strengthening at the 43rd annual session of the GATT contracting parties in Geneva last December. The three-day conference continues on Saturday.

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