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VISIT OF THE HONOURABLE PAT CARNEY TO WELLINGTON

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade concluded her official visit to Wellington today.

The Minister called on Prime Minister David Miss Carney noted that Canada's strong traditional ties with New Zealand continue to develop particularly as both Canada and New Zealand have come to play important roles in the Asia-Pacific region.

In her discussions with the New Zealand Minister of Overseas Trade, the Honourable Mike Moore, the Minister reviewed the prospects for early progress in the multilateral trade negotiations, particularly with regard to agriculture. Miss Carney noted that Canada and New Zealand have traditionally consulted closely on multilateral trade issues, and would continue to work together in moving the negotiations in Geneva forward.

The world agricultural trade situation and Canada's bilateral agricultural and fisheries trade with New Zealand were the subjects of discussion in the Minister's meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Honourable Colin Moyle. Miss Carney reviewed Canada's interest in working with New Zealand in minimizing the adverse effects of quarantine restrictions on trade in agricultural and fisheries products.

