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## CANADA'S MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE TO LEAD TRADE MISSION TO FINLAND

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie will lead a trade mission to Finland May 26 to 29, 1990, to promote trade and encourage closer economic ties between Canada and Finland. The Minister will head a delegation of 11 senior executive officers of Canadian companies with specific interest in the area.

Mr. Crosbie will meet with the Finnish Minister of Foreign Trade, Pertti Salolainen, to discuss bilateral and multilateral trade issues. The two ministers will sign agreements on double taxation and air services, both designed to develop closer ties between the two countries. There will also be an exchange of letters concerning cooperation in the areas of science and technology.

"I am looking forward to meeting with my counterpart in Finland, particularly in light of the long working relationship of our two countries in international bodies such as the United Nations, the CSCE, and our more recent shared concern with the Arctic environment," Mr. Crosbie said. "As northern neighbours we have much in common as we share similar climate, geography and economic resources. Our trade, in both directions, has been steadily expanding in recent years."

Companies on the trade mission, which was organized by External Affairs and International Trade Canada as part of its program of international trade development, represent areas where significant opportunities exist. These include: environmental technology, telecommunications, forestry and agri-products.