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Statement Déclaration

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This year, we are celebrating the CEA's 50 years of service to the Canadian exporting community. We are delighted to note the appointment of your new president, Mark Drake, who will lead your association into a new century of advancing the interests, skills and values of exporters. I congratulate him on his appointment, but please let him know that I will continue to be working with him.

I would also like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable career of Jim Taylor, who has been a constant presence in the life of the CEA for 30 years. Your association has been working to improve the climate for exports, and during the past 50 years, you have always been there to help exporters. I will be missed in the exporting community and in government.

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It is a pleasure to meet with you and to discuss the many ways in which the government of Canada is committed to supporting exporters. We are pleased to see the government's commitment to the free trade agreement with the U.S., the negotiations for a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and the completion of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN).

OTTAWA, Ontario
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