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FIRST MEETING OF THE CANADA-UNITED STATES
TRADE COMMISSION

International Trade Minister, John C. Crosbie, will meet U.S. Trade Representative, Carla Hills, in Washington on Monday for the inaugural meeting of the Canada-United States Trade Commission.

The Commission was established under the terms of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) to ensure effective implementation of the FTA by both countries. In particular, it will meet at least twice a year to:

- supervise implementation of the FTA;
- resolve any disputes over its interpretation;
- oversee further elaboration of the FTA; and
- consider any matters which could affect FTA implementation.

Mr. Crosbie and his U.S. counterpart are expected to cover a number of administrative and technical issues related to operating procedures, the establishment of working groups, a system for delegating authority, as well as other bilateral trade issues.

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