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NEW LABOUR MEMBERS NAMED TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie announced today the appointment of five new labour members to the private sector-based International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC).

"I am very pleased to welcome these five prominent labour leaders on the recommendation of Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) President Shirley Carr," Mr. Crosbie said. "They will add to the already important contribution being made by Canadian Federation of Labour President James McCambly in ensuring that labour's interests have a positive influence on trade issues."

Mr. Crosbie indicated that the ITAC is focussing on the implementation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the current round of the multilateral trade negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The ITAC is part of a trade advisory system which also includes 13 Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade (SAGITs). The ITAC and the SAGITs were created in response to the wishes of the private sector to have a broadly based formal structure to provide confidential two-way flow of information and advice between the Government and the private sector on international trade matters.

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The ITAC has broad terms of reference on all international trade matters, including issues relating to trade policy, market access and trade development. The 50 members of the ITAC come from all regions of Canada and include the Chairpersons of the SAGITs and other prominent individuals from the business, labour, consumer, academic, research and cultural communities.

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NEW LABOUR APPOINTMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ITAC)

Mrs. Shirley Carr President Canadian Labour Congress Ottawa, Ontario

Mr. Gérard Docquier National Director United Steelworkers of America Toronto, Ontario

Mr. Cliff Evans
International Vice-President and Director
United Food and Commerical Workers' International Union
Rexdale, Ontario

Mr. John Fryer National President National Union of Provincial Government Employees Ottawa, Ontario

Mr. Robert White
National President
National Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers
Union of Canada
Willowdale, Ontario