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CROSBIE TO HOLD TALKS ON ENERGY,
FISHERIES IN EUROPE

ST. JOHN'S -- International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie will address a number of issues of importance to Newfoundland when he holds discussions with representatives of European Governments during his visit to Switzerland, Italy and the U.K. between January 27 and February 3, 1989.

"I intend to press Newfoundland's concerns about European overfishing and its harmful impact on the livelihood of our fishermen," the Minister said.

Excessive EC fishing activity on the Nose and Tail of the Grand Bank outside Canadian waters is detrimental to sound fisheries conservation and to good fisheries relations with the Community. A moratorium on cod fishing on the Nose of the Bank has been established by the North Atlantic Fisheries Organizations (NAFO) and accepted by all NAFO members except the EC.

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Throughout his European visit, Mr. Crosbie will be outlining the advantages of investment in Canada now that industries located here will have more secure access to the U.S. market under the Free Trade Agreement.

During the Minister's stay in London, he will deliver this message to a range of potential investors, including those interested in Newfoundland's offshore oil development. The Minister will host a working breakfast with British firms which are already involved or wish to become active in Newfoundland offshore projects. While in the UK, Mr. Crosbie will also meet with the Right Honourable Cecil Parkinson, Britain's Secretary of State for Energy, with Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, and with Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Industry and Trade to discuss matters of common interest.

In Italy, Minister Crosbie will be promoting expanded trade between leading Italian and Canadian firms. He will participate in the inaugural meeting of the Working Group on Canadian-Italian Trade and Economic Co-operation along with business executives from across Canada. Dr. Ches Blackwood, President, Clarenville Ocean Products, a subsidiary of Conpak Seafoods Inc. will represent Newfoundland industry in these discussions.

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