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WILSON ANNOUNCES NEW HEAD OF TRADE DISPUTE SECRETARIAT

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, today announced the appointment of Cathy Beehan as Secretary of the Canadian section of the Binational Trade Dispute Secretariat, established under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

The Binational Secretariat, with offices in Ottawa and in Washington, D.C., is a permanent institution established under the FTA. The offices are managed by the Canadian Secretary and the American Secretary to provide administrative support to dispute settlement panels established under the FTA.

The Secretariat serves as the registry office for panel review procedures. All requests for review and other consultations under chapters 18 and 19 of the FTA are filed with the Secretariat.

Chapter 18 provides for the establishment of binational panels to settle disputes that occur over the interpretation or application of the FTA. Chapter 19 provides for binding binational panel dispute settlement in anti-dumping and countervail duty cases.

Ms. Beehan's appointment is effective January 1, 1992. Ms. Beehan, who previously served as a Senior Policy Adviser to the Minister of International Trade (1988-1991), replaces Ellen Beall, who served from January 1, 1989.

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CATHY BEEHAN

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (L.L.B., cum laude)
University of Ottawa (Robert Cripps Memorial Award for highest
standing in Commercial Law)

Bar Admission Course
Osgoode Hall, Ontario

Certificat Pratique de Langue Française
Université de Savoie, Chambéry, France

Bachelor of Music
University of Ottawa

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Executive Assistant to the Minister for the Atlantic Canada
Opportunities Agency

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Senior Policy Adviser to the Minister for International Trade

Policy Adviser to the Minister of Transport

Special Assistant to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General
of Canada

Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt
Barristers and Solicitors
Toronto, Ontario
(Articles of Clerkship)

OTHER

Violinist, Ottawa Symphony Orchestra

Member of the Law Society of Upper Canada

Member of the Canadian Bar Association