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## MINISTER CROSBIE TO VISIT EUROPE

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie will visit Europe October 12 to 20 to press Canadian concerns regarding the fishing practices of European Community (EC) vessels in the Northwest Atlantic.

Mr. Crosbie will also lead a trade mission to France and participate in other trade promotion events in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG). As well, he will meet with his counterparts to discuss trade and investment.

The Canadian Government announced last Friday it would initiate a public awareness campaign to increase European understanding of the serious state of the northwest Atlantic fishery. This campaign follows the recent annual meeting of the 12 member Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) in Brussels. NAFO is an international organization responsible for the management and conservation of fish stocks in the international waters in the northwest Atlantic. The EC is a member of NAFO, but abstained from NAFO conservation decisions and quotas, which were agreed to by all the other members.

In light of this situation, Minister Crosbie will spend October 12 and 13 in London to explain Canada's views in a speech to the Foreign Press Association and in meetings with representatives of leading European periodicals. In Bonn on October 17, Mr. Crosbie will meet with the senior German minister responsible for fisheries, Mr. Ignaz Kiechle, Federal Minister of Food, Agriculture, and Forestry. In Paris on October 18, Mr. Crosbie will discuss the issue with the senior French minister responsible for fisheries, Mr. Michel Delebarre, Minister of Transport and Oceans.

"The Government will explain Canada's deep concerns to European media and decision makers. We will continue our concerted effort to persuade the EC to return to fishing at NAFO set quotas to preserve the long term viability of one of the world's richest fishing zones," said Mr. Crosbie.

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This initiative builds on the Government effort to reach a resolution with the European Commission which is responsible for fisheries. Mr. Crosbie has already met twice with European Commissioners.

NAFO sets quotas for fish stocks it manages adjacent to Canada's 200-mile fishing zone in accordance with conservation management principles and scientific advice.

Mr. Crosbie will also promote bilateral trade and investment while in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) and France. He will hold talks with government ministers on a range of bilateral and multilateral trade and economic issues, including the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement, the Uruguay Round, and Europe 1992.

In the FRG, Minister Crosbie will meet the Minister of Economics, Dr. Helmut Haussman, address the Federation of German Industries, and tour the Canadian stand at ANUGA, one of the foremost international food fairs.

In France, Mr. Crosbie and the French Minister of Foreign Trade, Mr. Jean-Marie Rausch, will co-chair the bi-annual meeting of the Canada-France Joint Economic Commission (JEC). The JEC will review major components of our trade and economic relationship and will make recommendations for future action. The last meeting was held in Ottawa in January 1987.

Mr. Crosbie will also address the Canada-France Chamber of Commerce and lead a business mission to France October 17 to 19. Representatives from the following 10 Canadian corporations will be participating in the mission:

Canadian Astronautics Limited  
Clearwater Fine Foods Inc.  
Conair Aviation Ltd.  
Focal Technologies Inc.  
Genicon Inc.  
K. B. Electronics Ltd.  
Matrox Electronic Systems Ltd.  
Sea Star Instruments Ltd.  
Walbar Canada Inc.  
Wardair Canada Inc.

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