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MINISTER CROSBIE TO HOST THE QUADRILATERAL TRADE  
MINISTERS MEETING IN APRIL POINT, B.C.

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable John C. Crosbie, will host a Quadrilateral Trade Ministers meeting in April Point, British Columbia, April 15-17.

Other participants will be the United States Trade Representative, Ambassador Clayton Yeutter, European Communities Commissioner, Mr. Willy de Clercq, and Japanese Minister for International Trade and Industry, Mr. H. Tamura. This will be Minister Crosbie's first Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting. Minister Crosbie met Ambassador Yeutter on April 12 and will have bilateral discussions with Minister Tamura in the morning of Friday, April 15 and Commissioner De Clercq on April 19 in Ottawa.

Discussions at this Quadrilateral meeting will focus on the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. The meeting will provide Ministers an opportunity for an informal exchange of views on the progress in the negotiations being conducted in Geneva under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting is one of several important opportunities for discussion of the progress in the Uruguay Round in the lead-up to the Montreal Mid-Term Review Conference in December.

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## QUADRILATERAL TRADE MINISTERS MEETING

### BACKGROUND

Ministers responsible for International Trade of Canada, the United States, the European Community and Japan have met on a regular basis (two or three times a year) since 1982. The last Quadrilateral meeting took place in Kashikojima in April 1987.

The idea of ministerial discussions on trade was first raised during the preparations for the 1981 Ottawa Economic Summit, against the background of the experience developed during recent multilateral trade negotiations (Kennedy Round and Tokyo Round). The first Quadrilateral Trade Meeting was held in January 1982 at the initiative of then United States Trade Representative, Mr. William Brock. The objective was to provide an opportunity for informal discussions among the participants on international trade and trade-related economic developments, and trade prospects and problems of common interest.

During three days they are spending in British Columbia, the Ministers and their officials will review the progress made so far in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations.