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MEETING OF THE JOINT COOPERATION COMMITTEE BETWEEN
CANADA AND THE COMMUNITY,
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A joint communique was issued today in Brussels by Canada and the European Community following consultations between Canadian Ministers and EC Commissioners. The text of the communique follows.

BRUSSELS - The Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC), set up under the Framework Agreement between Canada and the EEC, has met on 2 June 1989 in Brussels. This was the 7th meeting of this Committee which deals with commercial and economic cooperation on the basis of the Framework Agreement, signed in 1976.

The Canadian Delegation was led by the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Honourable John Crosbie, Minister for International Trade for Canada, while Vice-President Frans Andriessen, Commissioner responsible for External Relations and Trade Policy, headed the Commission Delegation.

The JCC was preceded by an informal meeting between the Canadian Ministers and Mr. Andriessen at which Vice-President Manuel Marin, Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Mr. Ray McSharry, Commissioner for Agriculture, also participated.

The President of the Commission, Jacques Delors, also received the two ministers.

The meeting imparted a renewed political momentum to the Canada-EC relationship, and permitted a thorough review of multilateral questions and bilateral trade issues.

Both parties underlined the importance of the political relationship between the European Community and Canada and agreed that contacts at political level should be intensified.

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As far as bilateral trade issues are concerned, several items were discussed such as market access, including the question of the Canadian countervailing duty on Community manufacturing beef exports, as well as outstanding negotiations related to previous EC enlargements. The Canadian side also raised the issue of the status of its co-production Treaties with several Member States, in light of the Community proposal for "television without frontiers".

The two sides had positive discussions on trade in furs, and Canada welcomed the Commission's intention to participate actively in efforts to develop international standards in humane trapping.

Ministers Clark and Crosbie and EC Vice-Presidents Andriessen and Marin had a thorough discussion about the serious differences, both bilateral and multilateral, between EC and Canadian positions on fisheries issues. They have agreed that, in the interest of EC/Canada relations, these differences should be examined seriously to determine how they might be resolved.

Ministers and Commissioners have instructed officials of both sides to meet in order to clarify the various aspects of these differences and to examine how they might be resolved. In conducting their work, officials will be guided by the commitment of both sides to the principles of conservation and rational management.

The officials will report to their respective authorities by 15 July. The Minister for International Trade and Commissioners will meet as soon as possible thereafter.

Discussions covered a number of other subjects, in particular the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States, Europe 1992, developments in the Asia/Pacific region, and the Community's relations with its European Free Trade Agreement partners and its Central and Eastern European neighbours.

Existing cooperation in the fields of science and technology, industrial cooperation, environment and development assistance was noted and both sides agreed to expand such cooperation. At the request of Canada, Mr. Andriessen agreed to pursue with his colleague, Vice-President Maria Filippo Pandolfi, EC Commissioner responsible for Science and Technology, the possibility of negotiating a specific framework agreement on science and technology with Canada.

Both parties noted the strong growth in the Canada-EC commercial and economic relationship over recent years. Trade between the two partners has increased to reach a level of two-way trade equal to more than \$27 billion in 1988 which reflects an increase of more than 30% over 1986.

The EC accounts for one-third of all Canada's non-USA trade and for nearly 65% of all overseas foreign investment in Canada. At the same time, the Canadian private sector has been looking increasingly to investment and marketing opportunities in Europe, especially to take advantage of the 1992 program for internal liberalization of the EC market.

It was noted that the Canada-USA Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the European Single Market will sustain and promote growth in both economies and make Canada and the EC even more dynamic trade and investment partners.

Both sides considered it essential that they take advantage of these developments and also negotiate further trade liberalisation through the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. The Canadian Ministers and EC Commissioners reconfirmed their strong commitment to the success of these negotiations and underlined their importance for the future of the Canada-EC trade relationship.

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