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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade, along with the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, met today in Toronto with national Indigenous organizations (NIOs), modern treaty signatories, and Indigenous business and academic communities to consult on trade topics.

Participants had the opportunity to share their views on trade agreements such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.

The input received from NIOs, modern treaty signatories and members of the Indigenous business and academic communities will help shape Canada's export programs. It will also provide the Government of Canada with Indigenous views on international trade initiatives, particularly the TPP.

Quotes

“The Government of Canada promotes inclusive economic growth to create jobs for all. Today's event provided a unique opportunity to hear about trade directly from Indigenous peoples. Their views are important as we build our progressive trade agenda.”

- Hon. Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P., Minister of International Trade