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Minister Lebouthillier meets with Québec City area businesses to discuss the modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement

On January 19, 2018 the Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, together with Joël Lightbound, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, and Jean-Claude Poissant, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, met with Québec area businesses for a roundtable organized in collaboration with Québec International, an economic development agency that promotes the city's businesses on the international market.

The Government of Canada is listening to Canadians from across the country and from all sectors and backgrounds about trade, including through roundtable discussions that focus on the need to support our goals of providing stable, rewarding and well-paying jobs for Canadians and helping grow our middle class. Canada, the United States and Mexico are working together to modernize the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). At the same time, the Government of Canada continues to pay close attention to Canadians' views on trade and its importance to economic development.

Discussions focused on how modernizing NAFTA could significantly support the growth of regional businesses - especially for small and medium-sized businesses that export to the United States and Mexico - and for creating and maintaining quality jobs for the middle class. The roundtable primarily brought together representatives of small and medium-sized businesses and American subsidiaries operating in the region.