

## **CANADA AND EU LAUNCH FORUM**

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The **Canada-Europe Round Table**, a group comprising leading EU and Canadian companies like Novartis and Nortel Networks, was launched on Wednesday to promote co-operation on trade issues, such as ending tariffs on forestry products and alcoholic drinks and combating computer software piracy. This new private sector forum, which will be similar to the US-EU Transatlantic Business Dialogue group, will lobby mutual governments on its members' behalf.