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MEDIA NOTICE

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NFU YOUTH PRESIDENT TO ATTEND CANCUN WTO TALKS

SASKATOON, Sask.—NFU Youth President Martha Robbins will be in Cancun representing Canadian farmers and the NFU as part of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial meetings.

Robbins is accredited as an NGO representative to the talks. She will be working alongside thousands of farmers from around the world who are part of the Via Campesina—a global farmers' movement made up of 97 farm organizations from 43 countries. Canada's NFU was a founding member of the Via Campesina.

The Via Campesina has come to play a very important role in global agricultural trade talks. Because of the devastating effects that cheap food exports are having on farmers around the globe, the Via Campesina is demanding that agriculture be removed from the WTO agreement and that nations establish an alternative international framework that would ensure food sovereignty, fair prices, and fair trade rules.

While in Cancun, Robbins can be reached at:

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