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## **Delegation from Friuli-Venezia-Giulia Visits Toronto**

TORONTO – June 13, 2008 – **Min. Sandra Pupatello**, Ontario Minister of Economic Development and Trade enthusiastically greeted a large delegation of institutional representatives from the Italian region of Friuli-Venezia-Giulia yesterday at the Ontario Investment and Trade Services Centre in downtown Toronto.

The delegation of senior regional representatives from government, industry and small business, led by **Claudio Violino**, Regional Councillor for Agriculture, **Giorgio Santuz**, President, Ente Friuli nel Mondo and **Giovanni Da Pozzo**, President, Chamber of Commerce of Udine, are in Toronto to closer economic and business ties between the region and Ontario.

*“We are extremely proud to be partnering with one of the economic engines of Italy,” says ICCT President George Visintin, “this dynamic region, which has one of the highest GDP in Europe, has been able to strike a remarkable balance between industrial efficiency and old-world craftsmanship, which is driving it’s incredible success .”*

The delegation, which will be in Toronto until June 14<sup>th</sup>, will be focusing on developing a multi-year plan to strengthen economic ties and opportunities in key industrial sectors shared by the region and Ontario, including: Oeno-gastronomy, Agri-food, Environmental Technology, Interior Design, Precision Machining and Tourism.

Also visiting Toronto as part of this delegation are:

**Marco Bruseschi**, Vice President, Industrialists Association of Udine  
**Alessandro Burlone**, Member of Council, Ente Friuli nel Mondo  
**Franco Buttazzoni**, Vice President, Confartigianato Udine  
**Christian Canciani**, Representative, Ente Friuli nel Mondo  
**Sandro Caporale**, Director, Confartigianato Udine Services  
**Claudio Ferri**, Deputy Vice President, Confcommercio Udine  
**Giovanni Forcione**, Director, National Craftsmen Confederation of Udine  
**Adriano Luci**, President, Industrialists Association of Udine  
**Maria Lucia Pilutti**, Director for International Promotion, Chamber of Commerce of Udine  
**Ferrante Pitta**, Vice President, Small Industries Associations of Udine  
**Paolo Tonassi**, Agrifood Specialist, Confcooperative for Province of Udine  
**Gianpaolo Zamparo**, President, Confcooperative for Province of Udine

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The Italian Chamber of Commerce of Toronto’s mission is to promote economic and cultural synergies worldwide – between business, government and individuals, with special emphasis on Italy, Ontario and the GTA.