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MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, accompanied by the Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade and the Honourable Tom Hockin, Minister of State for Finance, will lead Canada's Delegation to the September 15-19 Conference in Punta del Este, Uruguay, to launch a new round of multilateral trade negotiations (MTN). The Conference is expected to be attended by Ministerial representatives from all of Canada's major trading partners in the GATT.

Also attending the Conference will be three Members of Parliament: the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Mr. Steven Langdon and Mrs. Barbara Sparrow. Ministers will be supported by an interdepartmental group of federal officials headed by the Ambassador for Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Sylvia Ostry.

In keeping with the spirit of cooperation in the area of Canada's participation in trade negotiations, representatives of provincial governments have been invited to accompany Minister Clark and his delegation. Those attending will be: the Honourable Roland Thornhill of Nova Scotia, the Honourable Pierre MacDonald of Quebec, the Honourable Murray Elston of Ontario and the Honourable James Horsman of Alberta.

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