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MINISTER EMERSON TO VISIT INDIA AND ATTEND CAIRNS MINISTERIAL MEETING HOSTED BY PAKISTAN

The Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, will be travelling to India and Pakistan from April 16 to 19, 2007.

On April 18 and 19, Minister Emerson will visit New Delhi, India, to meet with senior ministers of the Indian government, including Commerce Minister Kamal Nath and Finance Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram. He will also meet with business leaders to discuss a wide range of trade and investment issues.

The Minister will also participate in the 31st Cairns Group Ministerial Meeting. This year, the meeting will take place from April 16 to 18 in Lahore, Pakistan. The Cairns Group is composed of World Trade Organization (WTO) members pressing for further agricultural reform within the WTO. Canada has a fundamental interest in continuing to work through the WTO to further strengthen international rules governing agricultural trade.

For more information on Minister Emerson's trip, please visit
<http://international.gc.ca/commerce/india-pakistan/menu-en.asp>.

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