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CANADA-JAPAN MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that he would be taking part in the fifth meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee, together with the Honourable E. J. Benson, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Jean-Luc Pépin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Honourable Jack Davis, Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, the Honourable H. A. Olson, Minister of Agriculture and the Canadian Ambassador to Japan, Mr. H. O. Moran. The meeting will be held in Tokyo on April 17 and 18.

The Government of Japan will be represented by the Honourable Kiichi Aichi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Takeo Fukuda, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Masayoshi Ohira, Minister of International Trade and Industry, the Honourable Shiro Hasegawa, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, the Honourable Wataro Kanno, Director-General of the Economic Planning Agency and His Excellency Osamu Itagaki, Japanese Ambassador to Canada.

Mr. Sharp indicated that he and his colleagues are looking forward to a useful exchange of views with the Japanese Ministers. The agenda for the Ministerial Committee Meetings will provide for discussion of the international situation, international trade and economic developments, the economic situation and prospects in Canada and Japan, and trade and economic relations between the two countries. Fisheries and agricultural matters will also be discussed.

The Canadian Ministers will travel by Canadian Pacific Airlines to Tokyo on Sunday, April 13, arriving on