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Ministers Fortier and Ritz to Participate in WTO Informal Ministerial Meeting in Geneva

The Honourable Michael M Fortier, Minister of International Trade, and the Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board, will represent Canada at the WTO informal ministerial meeting in Geneva, which will begin on July 21, 2008.

In Geneva, the ministers will seek to reach agreement on detailed rules and commitments in the agricultural and non-agricultural market access negotiations, as well as advance the work on trade in services and other areas of the Doha agenda. This would set the stage for efforts to conclude the Doha Development Round of negotiations.

The Government of Canada is strongly committed to the multilateral process and continues to press for a broad and ambitious outcome to the Doha Round.

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